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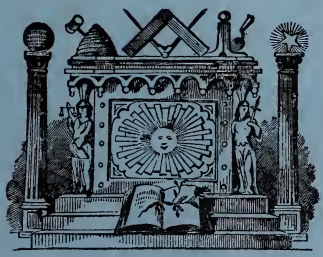

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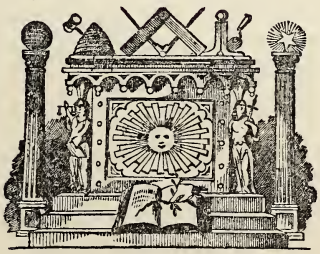

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of A. F. and A. M. of North Carolina, commenced its eighty-third* Annual Communication in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, December 6th, A. L., 5869, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in ample form. Prayer by Rev. Bro. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

M. W, ROBT. B. VANCE,.....*Grand Master.*
R. W., ELLIS MALONE,.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
" JOS. B. BATCHELOR,.....*Senior Grand Warden.*
" SAM'L H. ROUNTREE,.....*Junior Grand Warden.*
" WM. E. ANDERSON,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
" DONALD W. BAIN,.....*Grand Secretary.*
BRO. F. C. ROBERTS,.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*
" ALEX. S. HEIDE,.....*Junior Grand Deacon.*
" W. H. MALONE,.....*Grand Marshal.*
" J. W. WISEMAN,.....*as Grand Sword Bearer.*
" J. M. MORING,.....*as Grand Pursuivant.*
" JAS. M. BETTS,.....*Grand Tiler.*

The Grand Master announced Bros. R. W. Best, P. G. M., H. S. Lee and W. L. Love as Committee No. 1, on Credentials, and Bros. R. W. York, J. G. Ramsay and H. N. Harris as Committee No. 2, who reported Lodges duly represented as follows:

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*NOTE.—The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was first established in 1771. The archives were destroyed during the Revolution ; and, for several years, the meetings of the Grand Lodge were suspended. The number of Annual Communications held prior to its suspension is not known, hence the Annual Communications are numbered from the reorganization of the Grand Lodge in 1787.

St. John's	No.	1	H. H. Munson, W. M., T. M. Gardner, S. W., Geo. Patterson, Proxy for J. W.
St. John's,	"	3	F. C. Roberts, ... Rep.
Charity,	"	5	Jos. W. Beasley, ... Rep.
Phœnix,	"	8	Jas. C. MacRae, ... Rep.
Johnson Caswell,	"	10	E. H. Plummer, ... W. M.
American George,	"	17	L. W. Rolfe, ... W. M.
Phalanx,	"	31	E. H. White, ... W. M.
Stokes,	"	32	R. E. McDonald, ... Rep.
William R. Davie,	"	37	J. P. Stimson, ... S. W.
Hiram,	"	40	D. W. Bain, W. M., John Nichols, S. W., J. H, Separk, J. W.
Liberty,	"	45	James Calloway, ... Rep.
King Solomon,	"	56	R. A. Weaver, ... S. W.
Concord,	"	58	John W. Cotten, ... Rep.
Perseverance,	"	59	H. S. Lee, ... Rep.
Kilwinning,	"	64	J. A. Gale, Proxy for W. M., P. T. Beeman, Proxy for S. W.
Eagle,	"	71	I. R. Strayhorn, ... S. W.
Widow's Son,	"	75	W. B. Ferebee, ... Rep.
Greensboro,	"	76	David McKnight, ... Rep.
Zion,	"	81	A. B. Kinsey, ... Rep.
Fellowship,	"	84	Alfred Holland, ... S. W.
Morning Star,	"	85	R. B. Griffin, ... Rep.
Skewarkee,	"	90	H. S. Lee, ... Rep.
Western Star,	"	91	R. W. Logan, Rep., J. C. L. Harris, Rep.
Joseph Warren,	"	92	F. M. Moye, W. M., D. G. W. Ward, S. W.
Jerusalem,	"	95	J. Q. Jackson, W. M., Jas. S. Dickson, Rep.
St. John's,	"	96	L. Harvey, W. M., J. W. Harper, S. W., D. J. Long, J. W.
Hiram,	"	98	W. T. Battley, ... J. W.
Fulton,	"	99	E. H. White, ... Rep.
Warren,	"	101	J. B. Oliver, ... Rep.
Columbus,	"	102	W. L. London, W. M., R. G. Eubanks, S. W, W. P. Taylor, Proxy for J. W.
Orr,	"	104	E. S. Hoyt, ... S. W.
Perquimans,	"	106	T. H. Pritchard, ... Rep.
Clinton,	"	107	H. F. Brandon, W. M., E. Benton Withers.
Franklin,	"	109	T. P. Whitney, ... W. M.
Wayne,	"	112	Nathan Adams ..... Rep.
St. Albans,	"	114	A. P. Bryan, ... Proxy for Rep.
Holly Springs,	"	115	T. B. Smith, ... Rep.
Mt. Lebanon,	"	117	G. W. Blount, ... Rep.
Mt. Hermon,	"	118	W. G. Candler, ... Rep.
Logan,	"	121	R. M. Sloan, Jr., ... Rep.
Tuscarora,	"	122	R. H. Kingsbury ..... S. W.
Franklinton,	"	123	H. C. Kearney, S. W., W. H. Williams, J. W.
Clinton,	"	124	Charles Cook, ... J. W.

Mill Creek,	No. 125	W. N. Rose,	W. M.
Gatesville,	" 126	H. C. Williams,	W. M.
Blackmer,	" 127	G. A. Graham,	Rep.
Hanks,	" 128	Dennis Curtis,	W. M.
Radiance,	" 132	D. A. Sugg,	W. M.
Alamance,	" 133	L. H. Wood,	W. M.
Mocksville,	" 134	J. A. Kelly,	Rep.
Black Rock,	" 135	Joseph Green,	W. M.
Leaksville,	" 136	J. L. Carroll,	Proxy for Rep.
King Solomon,	" 138	M. C. Collins,	S. W.
Mount Energy,	" 140	W. E. Bullock,	S. W.
Carolina,	" 141	H. H. Munson,	Rep.
Cane Creek,	" 142	Wm. Patterson,	Rep.
Mount Vernon,	" 143	A. S. Stewart,	Rep.
Palmyra,	" 147	A. Parker, W. M., H. A. Barnes, and N. S. Stewart, Reps.,	
Adoniram,	" 149	G. W. Pittard, W. M,, G. W. Watkins,	S. W.
Chalmers,	" 151	R. H. Bradley,	Proxy for Rep.
Scotch Ireland,	" 154	J. G. Ramsay,	W. M.
White Stone,	" 155	M. Whitley, W. M., T. J. Wiggs,	J. W
Rolesville,	" 156	H. A. Hodge, W. M., C. H. Horton,	J. W.
Mount Pleasant,	" 157	W. S. Thompson, W. M., J. M. Lynn, S. W., Dudley Peed, Rep.,	
Knap of Reeds,	" 158	Jno. Peed, W. M., Richard Peed,	J. W.
Beaumont,	" 160	W. L. London,	Rep.
Rock Rest,	" 161	W. C. Mann,	W. M.
St. Paul's,	" 166	M. C. Collins,	Rep.
Winston,	" 167	P. A. Wilson,	W. M.
Pleasant Hill,	" 168	Wm. Patterson,	W. M.
Blackmer,	" 170	J. A. Reagan,	W. M.
Delk,	" 171	J. W. Beasley,	Rep.
Union,	" 173	J. M. Blaylock,	Rep.
George Washington,	" 174	C. S. Jinks,	J. W.
Siloam,	" 178	A. J. Johnson,	J. W.
LaFayette,	" 179	Geo. N. Thompson	W. M.
Caldwell,	" 180	H. B. Guthrie, T. M. Argo,	Reps.
Townesville,	" 182	H. B. Estes,	
Jordan,	" 184	H. C. Williams,	W. M.
Sandy Creek,	" 185	D. Wester,	W. M.
Pine Forest,	" 186	M. Small, J. W., Hugh McLean,	Rep.
Central Cross,	" 187	A. Thomas,	W. M.
Balfour,	" 188	A. C. Lyndon,	J. W.
Burnsville,	" 192	W. M. Moore,	Rep.
Mt. Olivet,	" 195	A. C. Lyndon	Rep.
Carey,	" 198	W. J. Holleman,	W. M.
Eagle Rock,	" 201	P. P. Pace, W. M., F. G. Foster,	Proxy for S. W.
Cleveland,	" 202	John Nichols,	Rep.
Long Creek,	" 205	C. W. McCoy, W. M., Thos. Gluyis,	S. W.
Mingo,	" 206	K. Barefoot,	W M.

Lebanon,	No. 207	D. P. High, ... Rep.
Mt. Olive,	" 208	J. B. Oliver, ... W. M.
Enoe,	" 210	J. M. Moring, ... Proxy for W. M.
Industrial,	" 212	Jno. A. Moore, ... Rep.
Richland,	" 214	J. A. Leach, J. M. Shelly, ... Reps.
New Light,	" 215	Bernice Walker, W. M,, E. Grissom, .. Rep.
Catawba Valley,	" 217	W. H. Malone, ... Rep.
W. G. Hill,	" 218	J. B. Neathery, W. M., Wm. Simpson, S. W., A. S. Heide, J. W.
Jefferson,	" 219	D. P. Mast, ... Rep.
Stokesburg,	" 220	R. M. Sloan, Jr., ... Rep.
Webster,	" 222	Parrot Creech, ... W. M.
Tabernacle,	" 223	R. M. Sloan, Jr., ... Rep.
County Line,	" 224	Alfred Turner, ... Rep.
Haw River,	" 225	J. A. Colley, ... W. M.
Jonesville,	" 227	A. L. Hendrix, ... Rep.
McCormick,	" 228	Jos. Andrews, ... W. M.
Henderson,	" 229	Geo. B. Harris, G. H. Young, ... Reps.
Corinthian,	" 230	D. W. Bain, ... Rep.
William T. Bain,	" 231	H. B. Jordan, Rep., W. R. Stephenson, S. W.
Gunter,	" 232	B. I. Howze, ... J. W.
Lenoir,	" 233	S. I. Sutton, ... W. M.
Anchor,	" 234	J. E. Whitley, S. W., W. A. Sturdivant, J. W.
Cokesbury,	" 235	M. V. Prince, ... W. M.
Atlantic,	" 238	W. S. Mercer, ... Rep.
Nahunta,	" 239	J. B. Person, W. M., J. H. Vaughn, J. W., E. M. Nadal, Proxy for S. W.
Wicacon,	" 240	J. W. Beasley, ... Rep.
Rountree,	" 243	H. S. Lee, ... W. M.
Monroe,	" 244	Wm. Simpson, ... Proxy for Rep.
New Berne,	" 245	W. H. S. Sweet, ... Rep
Pythagoras,	" 249	S. D. Thruston, W. M., J. W. Galloway, Proxy for Wardens.
Shiloh,	" 250	Jas. A. Bullock, ... Rep.
Lee,	" 253	R. P. Matheson, ... Rep.
Mount Bethel,	" 254	D. T. Deanes, ... Rep.
Oaks,	" 255	W. G. Stanford.
J. B. Person,	" 257	Ransom Hare, ... J. W.
Harnett,	" 258	Wm. Utley, W. M., D. H. Matthews, ... J. W.
Centre Hill,	" 260	J. H. Mills, ... Rep.
Excelsior,	" 261	E. H. White, ... Rep.
Farmington,	" 265	F. M. Johnson, W. M., J. W. Wiseman, Proxy for S. W.
Builders,	" 270	J. M. Blaylock, ... W. M.
Mebaneville,	" 272	G. W. Tate, ... W M.
Watauga,	" 273	D. P. Mast, ... W M
St. Patrick's,	" 274	W. H. Joyner, ... S. W.
Manuel Fetter,	" 275	Richard Wat. York, W. M., S. Barbee, S. W

Green Level,	No. 277	Hinton Hudson,	S. W.
Colesville,	" 278	D W. Bain,	Rep.
Rehoboth,	" 279	D. T. McMillan, S. W., J. C. McMillan,	J. W
Sapona,	" 280	Wm. Gunter, W. M., Jos. Rosser,	S. W.
Forestville,	" 282	J. H. Riggan,	W. M
Greenville,	" 284	W. A. Cherry,	Rep.
Flat Creek,	" 285	Dennis Curtis,	Rep.
Castalia,	" 286	J. M. Stone,	W. M.
Salem,	" 289	P. A. Wilson,	Rep.
Germanton,	" 290	E. S Lougee,	Proxy for Rep.
Rich Land Creek,	" 291	Dennis Curtis,	Rep.
French Broad,	" 292	J. A. Reagan,	Rep.
Vance,	" 293	J. A. Reagan,	Rep.
Bladen,	" 295	T. H. Sutton	W. M.
Stonewall,	" 296	J A. Whitley	W. M
Little River,	" 297	C. Parker	Rep.
Edgecombe,	" 298	J. G. Williams	Rep.
Hunting Creek,	" 299	J. L. Nicholson	Rep.
Pamplico,	" 300	W. A. Thompson,	W. M.

Note.—As Representatives arrived during the session their names were inserted in the foregoing report opposite their respective Lodges. The names of brethren present from Lodges U. D., were added as their Lodges were chartered and numbered. Number of Lodges represented during the Communication

Also that the following Past Grand Officers were present: M. W., Wm. G. Hill and R. W. Best, Past Grand Masters and R. W., Joseph Green, T. M. Gardner and John Nichols, Past Junior Grand Wardens.

The following brethren were recognized and cordially received as Representatives of Grand Bodies near this Grand Lodge, they being in possession of proper credentials, to-wit:

M. W., R. B. Vance, Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Bro. Wm. G. Hill, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Vermont.

" Ellis Malone, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

" R. W. Best, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Missouri.

" Jos. B. Batchelor, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

" John Nichols, Grand Lodge of Chili.

" R. W. Best, Grand Orients of Brazil and New Granada.

" D. W. Bain, of the following Grand Bodies: Grand Lodge of Alabama, Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Lodge of Illinois, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Grand Orient of Cuba.

The M. W., Grand Master delivered the following as his Annual Address and referred the same to a committee composed of Brethren F. C. Roberts, Ellis Malone and W. G. Candler.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA: It is a source of gratitude and of pleasure that we see each others' faces again in solemn council. Another Masonic year is gone forever. If we should attempt to recall it, and revive its scenes and incidents, we should only hear from its mysterious chambers the startling cry "Never more"; and

"The echo of that never more
Soundeth from the mournful shore—
Nevermore! nevermore!"

We can only retrospect the *dead* past, and grapple with the *living* present. In contemplating the past, we shall do well to scrutinize our conduct, and to mark our errors; and in meeting the responsibilities of the present we are bound to rely upon the great and blessed Author of our being for wisdom to guide us to safe and happy conclusions.

DEATH.

But, brethren, all are not present who were here at our last communication. None of our Grand Officers have fallen, but death has bared his sickle and reaped in the harvest field of life, bearing away some with whom we had enjoyed pleasant fellowship. During the year, Bro. James Banks, Grand Historian, has paid the debt of nature, and gone to the land of Spirits.

Bro. Banks died at his home in Florida, leaving a wife and several children to mourn his loss. Bro. B. was a man of various accomplishments, and the craft in this State are indebted to him for his efforts in preparing a history of the Order in North Carolina. Peace to his ashes, and happiness to his family.

The papers have lately given us notice of the death of that warm-hearted gentleman and brilliant orator—Bro. W. A Jenkins, of Warrenton. We shall greatly miss his sparkling wit and his readiness in debate, as well as his affable deportment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence with this office has been unusually voluminous, but generally of the most agreeable character. Much of the labor devolving upon the G. M. might be avoided if brethren would take the pains to examine the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, as well as the standard writers on Masonic Law.

The Lodges should also keep regular files of Grand Lodge proceedings, in which points of law have been decided by the highest authority.

HARMONY.

So far as is known, the Lodges are in harmony with each other, with one or two slight exceptions. In a few instances complaints have been made of Lodges using up the material of a sister Lodge, and of kindred subjects. In all cases of this kind moderation and forbearance have been counseled, and brethren so complained of have been reminded of the laws and usages pre-

vailing in this Grand Jurisdiction, and of their duty in the premises. It is probably unnecessary to mention any of these local causes of complaint in detail, as it is hoped that they are all amicably settled.

LODGES U. D.

There are now fifteen Lodges U. D., six of which were continued at last Grand Communication, and nine have been established the present year. One petition for Dispensation was not granted, owing to the fact that the nearest Lodge did not recommend it as necessary for the good of the craft, but merely consented as an act of courtesy, reluctantly granted.

The Grand Secretary's report will show the names and location of the Lodges U. D.

CHARTER ARRESTED.

Information, deemed satisfactory, having been received at the office of the Grand Master of irregularity in the workings of Deep River Lode, No. 164, and a number of the brethren having signified their desire to surrender their charter, the workings of the Lodge were suspended until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, when it could be determined if the charter should be finally arrested. The Grand Secretary's report will set forth the suspension of other Lodges, and the steps taken to secure the property reverting to the Grand Lodge.

WORK AND LECTURES.

Feeling the importance of having the Lodges go to work earnestly in obtaining and working by the system adopted at our last session, an edict was issued from this office requiring the Lodges to get it as soon as convenient, or when opportunity offered. This circular or edict was issued without reference to any *particular Lodge*, but for the general good, in the hope that good would be the result. This course was advised by several distinguished brethren, whose opinions were entitled to great weight.

GRAND LECTURERS.

In order to facilitate the distribution of the Grand Lodge work, brethren have been encouraged to apply to the Grand Custodians for certificates of their skill and qualifications in imparting the same, that they might be duly commissioned as Lecturers. The following bretheren have been commissioned under the rule, and exhorted to fervency and zeal in their labors:

P. M., W. L. Love, Franklin.
" Jas. O. Whittemore, New Berne.
Bro. J. S. Michard, Goldsboro.
" E. J. Bowen, St. John's Lodge, No. 3, New Berne.

DECISIONS.

Quite a number of questions have been referred to the Grand Master, a portion of which being local in character, are, consequently, not of general interest to the craft. No mention would be made of these decisions, but for the reason, if they were improperly answered, the Grand Lodge may have an opportunity of correcting them. The following questions and answers are a part of those discussed:

Q. 1. What relation does the daughter of an expelled mason sustain to the order?

A. Her masonic rights are lost with her father's.

Q. 2. Can a brother be "excluded" by the effect of a by-law without notice?

A. He cannot; notice must be given to a brother in arrears to appear and show cause.

Q. 3. Can an officer be installed if absent?

A. It is customary and may be done by proxy.

Q. 4. Is it as improper to disclose the ballot upon a dimit as though upon the petition of a profane; and is it a breach of masonic privilege to so divulge a ballot?

A. Undoubtedly both points are *unmasonic*, and equally so.

Q. 5. Must a subordinate Lodge receive a notice of expulsion, without a legal?

A. Yes, if the Secretary certifies that the Lodge has no seal.

Q. 6. When a Deputy Custodian gives a brother a certificate, and the Grand Master commissions him as G. L., how long is the commission in force?

A. One year has been the general period.

Q. 7. Can a Deputy Custodian order a ballot and confer the degrees out of the regutar course?

A He cannot; he may exemplify the work by a substitute.

Q. 8. Can a man be made a mason who has lost an arm or a leg?

A. According to the decision of the Grand Lodge he cannot.

Q. 9. Does "exclusion" from a particular Lodge impair the standing of a brother with the fraternity at large?

A. It does not; it leaves him as a "non"-affiliated mason.

Q. 10. Does a Lodge receiving a duplicate charter (the original being destroyed) retain its old members?

A. Undoubtedly so; it is not a Lodge U. D.

Q. 11. Does the dispensation of the Grand Master for a new Lodge necessarily transfer the membership of the petitioners?

A. It does not; they must dimit when the charter is granted.

Q. 12. Can a brother "sign" the by-laws through an attorney, duly authorized?

A. A brother in good standing with the craft, being elected to membership, and unavoidably absent, may give another brother a power of attorney to sign for him.

Q. 13. Is it masonic to hold balls (dancing parties) in the Lodge hall, or to play cards therein?

A. Dancing and card playing are not taught in the ritual or landmarks. They had better be practiced elsewhere, if at all

Q. 14. Can an officer in a chartered Lodge hold office in a Lodge U D

A. He may until the charter is issued.

Q. 15. A difficulty exists between two brothers—one is expelled; can the other be tried?

A. Yes.

Q. 16. Can a member be expelled for non-payment of dues.

A. He cannot justly or lawfully.

Q. 17. Has a Lodge the right to remit dues for cause, say poverty or distress?

A. It has; there is no by-law forbidding it.

Q. 18. Can a Lodge proceed to the trial of a member guilty of gross unmasonic conduct whose address is unknown?

A. The charge and specifications must be served upon the accused, either in person or by mail, if his address is known; if not, proceed *ex parte.*

Q. 19. Can an installed officer relinquish or resign his office before his successor is installed?

A. He cannot.

Q. 20. Can a petition for membership, or for the degrees, be withdrawn?

A. Only by consent; it is the property of the Lodge.

Q. 21. How long does a rejected petitioner have to wait before applying again?

A. Twelve months.

Q. 22. How often can a non-affiliated mason visit a Lodge?

A. Only once, as provided for in the resolution of Grand Lodge of 1862

Q. 23. A brother acts as agent for a mason's widow; collects money of hers; does not pay over; sends her a bankrupt notice as one of his creditors; is it a masonic crime?

A. It certainly is, and deserves speedy punishment.

Q. 24. What shall be done with a Lodge that has worked up the material of another and refuses to pay over the fees?

A. Inform the Grand Master, and if, after he has reminded them of their duty, the brethren still refuse, let their charter be arrested.

Q. 25. How shall an expelled mason be restored?

A. By petition and a clear ballot.

Q. 26. Is drunkenness or profanity a sufficient reason for a B. B.?

A. Either is sufficient.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD

The following distinguished brethren have been commissioned as Grand Representatives:

M. W., Samuel M. Todd, near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

R. W., Robt. W. Furnas, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The correspondence with these worthy brethren was of a very agreeable character, reflecting honor upon themselves and the craft.

THE HISTORY OF MASONRY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

It is well known to the brethren of this Grand Lodge, that our deceased brother, James Banks, was engaged in preparing a history of Masonry in this State. After the death of Bro. Banks, R. W. Bro. Bain, Grand Secretary, wrote to P. G. M., P. A. Holt, at Lake City, Fla., asking him to interest himself in procuring the manuscript history of Bro Banks. A letter from Bro Holt, dated 17th of April, 1869, gives the information that the MS is subject to the order of the Grand Lodge at any time—that he judges the work will make a pamphlet of about seventy-five pages. Bro. Banks had also "some elaborate biographies of distinguished Carolina Masons intended for news-

paper publication," which Mrs. Banks promised to recover from parties holding them, that they might be placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge.

It further appears that Bro. Banks' history is incomplete—it only coming own to the year 1839 or thereabouts. The matter is, therefore, laid before you that such action may be taken as is proper.

Bro. Banks left a family in circumstances calling for aid and sympathy, and it seems eminently right that this Grand Lodge should make such appropriations for them as the value of his MS. and the state of the Treasury will ustify.

Speaking of the history of the order in our jurisdiction, recalls the fact, not generally known, that the Hon. David L. Swain, LL. D., was a mason, and received the appointment of D. G. M. from P. G. M. Wheeler, during his administration. It is not needful here that mention should be made of Gov. Swain, to increase the purity of his fame,—for he died, as he had lived, respected and beloved by the entire State,—but as an item of masonic history of which we may well feel proud.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

Immediately after the session closed at our last Grand Lodge, Bro. J. L. Carroll was re-commissioned agent in behalf of the Grand Lodge to collect funds to pay off the debt due for the purchase of St. John's College. From his report you will learn that he was successful in raising the amount needed, and the debt has been paid.

MILITARY LODGES.

Unfortunately, perhaps, during the late war, Military Lodges were organized in the army, and brethren initiated, passed and raised in those Lodges, have not been able to affiliate for want of reliable records, they being lost in the war. Liberty is taken to recommend that you authorize the Grand Master, when satisfied of such facts, to direct the Grand Secretary to furnish such brethren with certificates whereby they can affiliate.

D. D. G. M.

The year's experience has satisfied your presiding officer of the utility and importance of D. D. Grand Masters. In some instances Lodges have surrendered their charters, and the Grand Lodge has probably lost in property for want of some one to take it immediately in charge. In other cases, Lodges have disagreed in regard to jurisdiction and other causes, which could have been better reconciled by a representation of the Grand Master direct.

It is respectfully suggested that you take steps to restore these appointments.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The labors of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence having so greatly increased within a few years, it is recommended that you take action, making the Grand Secretary the permanent Chairman thereof, and that he be paid for the labor. The reasons for this arrangement are manifest. He being at all times in the active discharge of his duties, is better posted in Masonic affairs than most of his brethren, and has more time—a salaried officer—to do justice to our cotemporary Grand jurisdictions. Besides we

save the trouble and expense of shipping and re-shipping Grand Lodge proceedings from point to point, and avoid the danger of losing such valuable documents.

OUR MASONIC YEAR.

A good deal of feeling seems to be manifested throughout the jurisdiction on the subject of our having changed the period of the annual election of officers. If the Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, should restore the former rule, and allow the election, the communication preceding St. John's day, (27th December,) and the installation upon that day, it will doubtless give great satisfaction.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Last year, information was given to this body of a clandestine body of men within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, styling themselves "Scotch Rite Masons." Later intelligence brings us tidings that this *spurious body* has been recognized by the Grand Orient of France, contrary to all law and usage. The Grand Lodge of N. C., should at once sever the fraternal relation between the two, until the Grand Orient ceases to countenance clandestine and spurious Masonry.

VISITATIONS.

During the year, your presiding officer has had the happiness of visiting a number of Lodges in the West, where he was received with a cordiality grateful to his heart. He attributed the warmth of his receptions to the respect and veneration which the brethren everywhere seem to have for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the oldest Grand Lodge in the U. S. of America, except that of Massachusetts. That he could not respond to invitations from other parts of the State was a matter of sincere regret.

SISTER GRAND LODGES.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is at peace and in harmony with all her sisters. Occasionally, within the past few years, flings have been made at "Old Rip," asking her to wake up, but we are satisfied that in the main, no real pain was intended to be inflicted upon us. The spirit of Masonry, beautiful as an angel of light, is too peaceful, too charitable to willingly wound. Hers is rather a healing than a cutting office ; and this brings to mind

THE BEAUTY AND SAFETY OF THE SIGN-LANGUAGE.

In March, 1865, a Confederate officer was returning from a long and painful captivity to his own distressed and bleeding region. The splendid steamer on which he was still a prisoner, passed old Fortress Monroe, the wrecks of the Congress and the Cumberland, associated with the fame of the Merrimac, and entered the majestic James River. It was a fine day, and the deck was crowded with Federal officers. It was a continuous line of "blue," broken only by the solitary "gray" of the officer mentioned. As "twilight gray" was coming on, he felt very lonely, although in a crowd. Desiring to see if any would recognize "a brother in gray," he simply *walked across the deck*. In a moment, a man with silver locks was at his side, and the warm palm of the

stranger caused a thrill in his. "I saw you," said he, "and you and your party (there were eleven others in the cabin) must take tea with me." They went. As the tea was finished an officer with shoulder straps tapped the two brothers on the shoulder, remarking, "you must now separate." No word was spoken, but the Confederate drew from his pocket a prison ring and slipped it on the finger of the stranger, while he took a beautiful Masonic breast-pin and placed in the bosom of the gray. Then, while the cold, lovely stars looked down on the love of their bosoms, they gave the last true grip, never to be forgotten on earth. The stranger was Bro. Jordan, of Boston, Massachusetts, and the gray knows not if he is yet living.

OUR MISSION.

Brethren! there is much for us to do in the world. There are those who hunger, to be fed; there are those who die for knowledge, to be educated, and there are wounds to be mollified with ointment. And see what a vast field we have, in which to labor. Our Lodge is the world, our mother is the Universe, and our Father is God. Our Lodge extending from Earth to Heaven, from Centre to Circumference, from East to West, between the North and the South, by labor her fertile vales are fruitful, and her hill-tops are glorified. And bear in mind, brethren, that there is associated with the thought of LABOR, the hope of REST in the great hereafter. Here is not our final, but only our passing habitation. The very name—"Lodge"—is suggestive—signifying in the old records of language—"a temporary habitation"—and exhorts us to remember that we are strangers and pilgrims in the earth, as our fathers were before us. The poet has seized the idea of temporary rest, as further suggested in the term "Lodge," and says:

> "Oh, for a Lodge in some vast wilderness—
> Some boundless contiguity of shade!"

and again:—

> "Oh, bear me off to vast embowering shades,
> To weeping grottoes and prophetic glooms,
> Where angel forms athwart the solemn dusk,
> Tremendous sweep, or seem to sweep along,
> And voices, more than human, deep sounding
> Through the void, seize the enthusiastic ear!"

And, brethren, there are "voices more than human," sounding through the holy walks of a Lodge of devoted brethren; and whether they are gazing upon beautiful virgins weeping over broken columns; or meditating upon the darkness and sterility of the religion of reason; or contemplating the glorious doctrine of the resurrection from death, or the consummation of all bliss in the strength and power of Judah's Lion, the soul is thrilled by them, calling it to the Holy of Holies beyond the skies.

The Grand Secretary presented the following as his Annual Report which was read and referred to the Committee on his Books:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

BRETHREN: In compliance with a regulation of this Grand Lodge, I present the following report of the transactions of the Grand Secretary's office during the past masonic year:

By direction of the "Printing and Publishing" Committee, nine hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were rinted as early as practicable and distributed in the usual manner.

In the estimation of the Committee the necessity existed for the printing of a larger number than heretofore, owing to the increase of Lodges; and fifty more than usual were ordered.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year amount to two thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents, and were derived from sources as follows:

Dues from subordinate Lodges for 1868, and previous years,		$ 2,493 50
Charters for Lodges less Grand Secretary's fees,		285 00
Dispensations for Lodges less Grand Secretary's fees,		72 00
Diplomas less Grand Secretary's fees,		8 00
Sale of Proceedings of Grand Lodge,		1 00
Total		$ 2,859 50
Amount paid Grand Treasurer,	$ 2,851 50	
Amount applied to postage purposes, being the sum received for diplomas,	8 00	
Total,		$ 2,859 50

At the last Annual Communication fifteen Lodges were chartered, numbering from 277 to 291, both inclusive. They were duly organized, and have been regularly at work.

Dispensations for the formation of nine new Lodges were issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

Their names and localities are as follows, with date of Dispensation:

1868.

Dec. 10th. PATTERSON—at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus County.
" 12th. FRENCH BROAD—at Marshall, Madison County.

1869.

Jan. 30th. BELLE VOIR—at Belle Voir, Chatham County.
Feb. 16th. LITTLE RIVER—at Little River Academy, Cumberland County.
March 26th. STONEWALL—at Robersonville, Martin County.
April 27th. VANCE—at Morgan's Hill, Buncombe County.
June 8th. BLADEN—at Elizabethtown, Bladen County.
Aug. 7th. EVERGREEN—at Johnsonville, Harnett County.
Sept. 13th. LILLINGTON—at Lillington, Harnett County.

The following Lodges were continued under Dispensation:

CLAY—at Hayesville, Clay County.
PAMPLICO—at Aurora, Beaufort County.
HUNTING CREEK—at Nicholsonville, Iredell County.
ATLANTIC—at Swan Quarter, Hyde County.
EDGECOMBE—at Temperance Hall, Edgecombe County.
RANDOLPH—at Lassiter's Mills, Randolph County.

Belle Voir Lodge above mentioned, succeeds the late Taylor Lodge, No. 144, and Bladen Lodge succeeds Cape Fear Lodge, No. 194.

By direction of the Grand Master, brethren have been designated to take

charge of the property of Taylor and Cape Fear Lodges, and return the same to the Grand Secretary. Enfield Lodge, No. 88; Wentworth Lodge, No. 111; Rocky River Lodge, No. 159, and Rockingham Lodge, No. 216, having failed to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Lodge for several years, a correspondence was entered into with brethren formerly connected with, or living adjacent to these Lodges, in order to ascertain their status. I learn by this correspondence that Rocky River Lodge had not convened within the past twelve months, and that its revival was hopeless, that the brethren of Rockingham Lodge would make an effort for a renewal of its charter. I have received no response from Wentworth Lodge. The correspondence in the case of Enfield Lodge was referred to the Grand Master, by whose direction a brother has been designated to take charge of the property thereof, and report as early as practicable.

I have continued my efforts to collect a library for the Grand Lodge.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to R. W. Bros. Theo. S. Parvin and Horace Chase, Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Iowa and New Hampshire, for bound volumes of the Proceedings of their respective Grand Lodges, making the series of the former complete, and the latter nearly so. Also to Bro. Leon Hyneman, of Philadelphia, for valuable works; R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for a neatly bound copy of the "Masonic Code of Alabama," a very complete and useful work, and to other Grand Secretaries and brethren for unbound Proceedings, and Masonic Periodicals and Journals.

In compliance with resolutions adopted at the Annual Communication of 1865, also of 1868, I have caused to be bound in good library binding, many of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Periodicals and Journals.

Thus sixty-three volumes have been added to the library, which, together with those otherwise obtained, make the number in the library one hundred and thirteen. There is material enough for about thirty volumes more. With additional effort it is hoped that the library will, in a few years, contain several hundred valuable volumes.

The work of re-arranging the papers in the Grand Secretary's office was continued during the year, but owing (as stated in my last annual report) to the large number on file and their great variety, it is yet incomplete.

I beg to call your attention to the insecurity of the records of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary is required by a regulation of the Grand Lodge to keep them in his office, in the Grand Lodge building, and there is no provision for their safety in the event of fire. These records are embraced in eight volumes—from 1787 to 1868 inclusive. They are of great value to the Grand Lodge, especially the earlier records, the loss of which could not be repaired, as for many years there are no printed Proceedings to be obtained. I hope I may be pardoned for asking your consideration of the matter.

One case of the removal of a Lodge occurred during the year, to wit: Carey Lodge No. 198, from Carey, Wake County, to Ephesus Church in the vicinity of Asbury, in the same County. Since the removal, the Lodge has made arrangements for the erection of a Hall at Carey, and has determined, with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, to return to that place. In each instance, Section 40, of Art. IV., of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, relating to the removal of Lodges, was, in general, complied with.

In compliance with a standing resolution of the Grand Lodge, the portrait of M. W. Grand Master, R. B. Vance, has been obtained, and occupies its place in the Hall.

The record of Proceedings of the last Annual Communication is complete, and, with my cash book and book of accounts, ready for examination.

Our sister Grand Lodge of Georgia has sustained a great loss in the death of her Grand Secretary, Bro. Simri Rose. This venerable brother for twenty-four successive years performed faithful services to his Grand Lodge.

He was esteemed for his high character and christian integrity. By his death, another link in the chain which connects the present with the past is removed, and only a few now remain. It is a sad and notable fact that each successive year in several has chronicled the death of one of this class of officers.

I have thus brethren, submitted as briefly as possible, an account of such matters as I felt it my province to report upon, and hope it will receive your sanction.

I am fraternally yours,

D. W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Charters and Dispensations:—No. 1. Bre. T. M. Gardner, W. H. Malone and Jos. Green. No. 2. Bre. J. A. Reagan, S. Barbee and Eugene Grissom. No. 3. Bre. Jno. M. Moring, E. H. Plummer and G. A. Graham.

On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges: No. 1. Bre. Bernice Walker, J. W. Beasley and John Nichols. No. 2. Bre. W. S. Thompson, E. H. White and J. M. Stone. No. 3. Bre. J. L. Carroll, Nathan Adams and H. A. Hodge.

On Accounts and Claims: Bre. J. G. Williams, T. M. Argo and J. B. Oliver.

On Grand Secretary's Books: Bre. T. M. Gardner, E. S. Lougee and Geo. N. Thompson.

On Suspensions and Expulsions: No. 1. Bre. T. H. Pritchard, J. G. Ramsay and C. T. Murphy. No. 2. Bre. J. B. Neathery, Geo. Patterson and J. H. Mills. No. 3. Bre. R. H. Kingsbury, S. D. Thruston and J. C. Mac Rae.

On Propositions and Grievances: Bre. H. H. Munson, A. Thomas and J. W. Wiseman.

Bro. R. W. York introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That all transient Master Masons members of regular Lodges, now visiting the City, be respectfully invited to attend the meetings of this Grand Communication.

Bro. Wm. G. Hill, P. G. M., introduced the following reso-

lutions, which were read and made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock:

Resolved 1*st*, That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize any other mode of making Masons, than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usage of the Craft, namely: "In a regular Lodge," after "previous notice and due enquiry into character."

2nd. That this Grand Lodge cannot and does not recognize any inherent right or power, or prerogative, in Grand Masters, to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge, and must regard the exercise of such power not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakable provisions of the ancient charges and constitutions of Masonry, and must consider all such makings as irregular and illegal.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his Annual Report, which was read and referred to a special committee composed of Bre. W. G. Hill, John Nichols and J. B. Neathery.

W. E. Anderson, Treasurer, *in account with Grand Lodge of North Carolina.*

	Dr.	
	To amount received of Grand Secretary, being the sum left in his hands as per his Annual Report of 1868.....	$ 153 00
	To amount received of Grand Secretary—his receipts for year ending 31st of October, 1869.....	2,851 50
	To amount received of Friends of Temperance, on account rent of lower room.....	25 00
	Total.....	$3,029 50
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1868		
Dec. 10	Paid Nichols & Gorman, bill printing,.....	110 75
	J. A. Jones, bill stationery,.....	4 20
	" " " "	5 00
	Grand Tiler his services and articles furnished.....	54 90
14	Town tax for 1868,.....	15 00
18	Three notes of $100 each to Mrs. S. J. Beves,.....	300 00
18	Interest on the same,.....	154 50
19	"Sentinel" advertizing annual communication,.....	7 00
21	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, compensation for 1868,.	450 00
	J. H. Ennis bill stationery,.....	4 20
1869		
Jan. 1	State National Bank Note of Past Grand officers,....	460 00
	J. W. Watson for portrait of P. G. Ms. McCormick and Best,.....	100 00
5	Mrs. Kline for articles furnished,.....	11 70
	Amount carried forward,	$ 1677 25

	Amount brought forward,	$1,677 25
	G. M. Vance expenses to annual communication,.....	39 80
Feb. 11	A. Miller for postage stamps,.....	7 00
	Southern Express Company freight on box,.....	2 00
	T. H. Briggs for work on roof and material,.....	17 15
24	J. W. Watson for portrait of G. M., R. B. Vance,....	55 00
26	Insurance on Lodge building,.....	38 50
27	Postage stamps for Grand Secretary's office,.....	6 00
Mar 27	So. Ex. Company freight on proceedings of Grand	
May 6	Lodge,.....	10 75
	T. H. Briggs for repairs to house,.....	17 17
June 7	A. Miller postage account,.....	65 80
Sep. 11	So. Ex. Company freight on Wisconsin proceedings,..	1 55
	" " " package contributions,.....	1 25
Ocf. 28	J. H. Ennis for 250 envelopes,.....	3 00
Nov. 1	S. M. Parish for glass and glazing,.....	2 10
24	City taxes for 1869,.....	15 00
	R. M. Stokes for letter heads for G. M. Vance,.....	8 00
	Nichols & Gorman for printing proceedingo 1868,.....	826 00
	Five per cent commissions on receipts,.....	151 45
	Total,.....	$2,944 77
	Leaving amount in hands of Treasurer,.....	$ 84 73

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, Grand Treas.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock,
December 7th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W., Lewis S. Williams, P. G. M., appeared in the Grand Lodge and took a seat in the East.

The Proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bre. Geo. Badger Harris, J. Q. Jackson and Geo. W. Blount were announced as an additional Committee on Credentials.

The following resolutions were introduced:

By Bro. J. W. Beasley, which was read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

Whereas, The Subordinate Lodges of the State of North Carolina arerequired to pay a special tax to the Grand Lodge of fifteen ($15,) dollars, and whereas, said tax is unequal and oppressive on some of the Subordinate

Lodges. A Lodge numbering 25 members pays as much as one numbering 125. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, that each Subordinate Lodge be required to pay a tax according to the number of members in said Lodge.

By Bro. R. H. Kingsbury, which was read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that the Grand Treasurer pay to Lunsford A. Paschall, as Guardian of David Allen's children, one thousand and thirty-three dollars, the amount of said David Allen's interest in a judgment in Granville Superior Court, vs. the Trustees of St. John's College.

By Bro. R. W. York:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Grand Lodge upon the propriety of allowing a Private Secretary to the Grand Master and remuneration therefor.

Adopted, and Bre. R. W. York, Geo. Patterson and W. L. London were appointed the committee.

By the same:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with B. P. Williamson, and others, on the subject of leasing or buying a new building for a Grand Lodge hall, and to consider the expediency of selling the interest of the Grand Lodge in the building now occupied by it, and to report at the present communication.

Adopted, and Bre. York, W. E. Anderson and John Nichols were appointed the Committee.

By the same:

Resolved, That the resolutions annexed to the report of the Committee on a National Masonic Congress, submitted to the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, (pages 49 and 50, proceedings 1868,) be adopted, with the following amendments: Strike out "New York" in the first resolution, and insert "Raleigh"; strike out "New York" in the fourth and fifth resolutions, and insert "North Carolina"; also, in fifth resolution insert "1871" for "1870."

On motion of Bro. T. M. Gardner, the same was indefinitely postponed.

By Bro. S. D. Thruston, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Lodge room of Black Rock Lodge, No. 135, has been opened feloniously, and the charter, bible, and jewels carried off by some parties unknown,

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, with instructions to examine into the facts through Past J. G. W., Joseph Green, and report as soon as possible.

By Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M.:

Resolved, That in the Rules for the government of subordinate Lodges in Masonic trials, Section 6, line 6, the words "two-thirds" be stricken out, and "a majority" inserted.

Referred to a Special Committee composed of Bre. Best, S. D. Thruston and J. A. Reagan.

Bro. J. L. Carroll, from Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings, and Returns of subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following facts:

RETURNS OF LODGES BEARING DATE OF CHARTER AND SEAL.

Mingo,	No. 206,	Radiance,	No. 132,
Fulton,	" 99,	Fellowship,	" 84,
Rehoboth,	" 279,	Leaksville,	" 136,
Colesville,	" 278,	Mt. Lebanon,	" 117,
Holly Springs,	" 115,	Corinthian,	" 230,
Townesville,	" 182,	Logan,	" 121,
Jordan,	" 184,	Warren,	" 101,
Long Creek,	" 205,	J. B. Person,	" 257,
Hanks,	" 128,	Conoho,	" 131,
Phœnix,	" 8,	Wake Forest,	" 97,
Perseverance,	" 59,	Mystic Tie,	" 237,
American George,	" 17,	Mt. Hermon,	" 118,
Western Star,	" 91,	Skeewarkey,	" 90,
Palmyra,	" 147,	Stokesburg,	" 220,
Gaston	" 263,	Alamance,	" 133,

BEARING DATE OF CHARTER, BUT NO SEAL.

Flat Creek,	No. 285,	Durbin,	No. 266,
Jefferson,	" 219,	Clinton,	" 124,
Ashland,	" 211,	Rock Rest,	" 161,
Liberty,	" 45,	Gunter,	" 232,
Germanton,	" 290,		

BEARING SEAL, BUT NO DATE OF CHARTER.

Blackmer,	No. 127,	New Salem,	No. 209,
Shiloh,	" 250,		

HAVING NEITHER SEAL NOR DATE OF CHARTER.

Stokes,	No. 32,	Mt. Zion,	No. 236,
Cherokee,	" 197,		

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARROLL,
N. ADAMS,
H. A. HODGE, } Com.

Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., from a special committee, submitted the following report, which was read and made the special order for this evening after the election of Grand Officers:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the resolution to change Section 6, line 6, of the rules for the government of subordinate Lodges in Masonic trials, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that it require a two-third vote to expel and a majority vote to suspend.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. BEST, Chairman.

Bro. J. A. Reagan, from Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that they have examined carefully the returns, workings, and by-laws of the following Lodges working under Dispensation, find them correct, and respectfully recommend that charters be granted them, to-wit: French Broad Lodge, Vance Lodge, and Atlantic Lodge. But few of the Lodges working under Dispensation have as yet reported to your Committee.

J. A. REAGAN, Chm'n. Com.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock,
December 7th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The resolutions of Bro. Wm. G. Hill, P. G. M., concerning the powers of Grand Masters to make masons at sight, introduced last evening, being the special order for this hour, were taken up for consideration.

The same were read.

Bro. Eugene Grissom offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the right of a Grand Master of Masons to make Masons at sight, or in an occasional lodge with due regard to the proper form, is an *inherent* prerogative, but that its exercise, except under extraordinary circumstances, is inexpedient.

After argument on the subject, on motion of Bro. B. I. Howze, the resolutions were laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock,
December 7th, A. L.. 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

R. W., William P. Taylor, Past Junior Grand Warden, appeared in the Grand Lodge.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and concurred in :

No. 3, on Charters and Dispensations :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 3, on Charters and Dispensations, respectfully ask leave to report as follows :

That the cases of Patterson Lodge U. D. and Randolph Lodge U. D. have been examined by us.

We find transcript of Proceedings of Patterson Lodge which are regular with some few exceptions, which have been noted on their returns. This Lodge returns no By-Laws, but asks to be continued under dispensation for another Masonic year, which is respectfully recommended.

Randolph Lodge returns By-Laws, but no transcript of its proceedings Their By-Laws contain many inaccuracies—some inconsistent with the usage of Masonry—which, with the absence of their work, compel your Committee to recommend that a Charter be not granted to this Lodge.

Both the above Lodges U. D. have failed to comply with Sec. 8, Art. III, and Sec. 38, Art. IV of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

JNO. M. MORING,
E. H. PLUMMER, } Com.
G. A. GRAHAM.

No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of Bladen Lodge, U. D., and find them to conform to the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

They therefore recommend that a Charter be granted said Lodge, and the representative allowed a seat and to vote.

They have also examined the Proceedings of Stonewall Lodge U. D. and find them in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Lodge, and for that

reason recommend that a Charter be granted them, and the Representatives be invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The Proceedings and By-Laws of Little River Lodge U. D., have passed the scrutiny of your Committee, and they recommend a Charter to that Lodge and a seat to the Representatives.

They also recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted to Black Lodge No. 135, and the Representatives allowed a vote.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. M. GARDNER,
JOSEPH GREEN.

No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations :

To the M. W Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations report that they have carefully examined the By-Laws and workings of Edgecombe Lodge, U. D. They find their By-Laws correct, and their workings regular, except in one case, and are assured by a brother of that Lodge that it was an oversight in the Secretary. We would recommend that a Charter be granted to Edgecombe Lodge.

They have also examined the By-Laws and workings of Hunting Creek Lodge U. D. The workings are regular except in two cases. Petitions were acted on the same night they were presented.

Their By-Laws require a petition to lie over one month, and as we are assured by the Secretary of that Lodge that such shall not be the case again, we would recommend that a Charter be also granted to Hunting Creek Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. REAGAN,
Chairman Commitee.

On Grand Treasurer's Books :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Commiltee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Treasurer, have examined the same, and find that he has received from all sources during the past year the sum of $3,029.50; that he has paid out on properly certified vouchers, $2,944.77; leaving a balance on hand of $84.73. The duties of the Grand Treasurer have been performed in a highly creditable manner to that officer, and in the best interests of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. G. HILL,
J. B. NEATHERY,
JOHN NICHOLS, } Com.

On Grand Secretary's Books :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand

Secretary have discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report that the books of that officer are neatly and accurately kept, and show that he has received from all sources $2,859.50; that he has paid to the Grand Treasurer $2,851.50, and has exhibited his receipts therefor. The balance, $8.00, he has devoted to postal purposes, as reported by him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. GARDNER,
EDGAR S. LOUGEE, } Com.
GEO. N. THOMPSON,

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, under the superintendence of Bre. B. I. Howze, Wm. P. Taylor and J. A. Reagan, and the following were duly elected:

ROBERT B. VANCE,.....GRAND MASTER.
JOHN NICHOLS,..... .....SEN. GRAND WARDEN.
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,.....JUN. GRAND WARDEN.
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,....GRAND TREASURER.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....GRAND SECRETARY.

The special order for this hour being the report of the Committee on the Resolution to amend Section 6, of Rules relating to Masonic Trials, was postponed.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:

On Schools under the management of subordinate Lodges: Bros. R. P. Matheson, James Calloway, and J. C. L. Harris.

On Grand Master's Address: (Additional)—Bre. T. M. Gardner and F. M. Moye.

On Foreign Correspondence: Bre. D. W. Bain, W. H. Smith, and F. G. Foster.

On Masonic Jurisprudence: Bre. J. B. Batchelor, T. M. Gardner, and R. W. Best, P. G. M.

The Grand Master announced that the hour of 9 o'clock to-morrow morning would be set apart for the exemplification of the Work.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
Dec. 8th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Special Committee on the proposition to amend Section *six* of the Rules for the government of Subordinate Lodges in Masonic Trials, was taken up, read and concurred in.

A communication was received from Bro. W. J. Palmer, Principal of the N. C. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, inviting the Grand Lodge to visit the Institution and witness exercises by the Pupils, at such hour as the Grand Lodge may designate.

The same having been read, on motion of Bro. T. M. Gardner, the invitation was accepted, and the hour of 3 o'clock set apart as the time for the Grand Lodge to visit the Institution.

The work of this jurisdiction, in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow-Craft's Degrees, was exemplified by Bre. R. W. Best, P. G. M., S. H. Rountree and H. S. Lee, Deputy Custodians, and Bre. E. J. Bowen, B. W. Hatcher and J. S. Michard, Grand Lecturers.

Bro. M. Whitley, from the special committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to investigate and report upon certain matters connected with the late Stanhope Lodge, U. D., submitted a report as follows, which was concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

In obedience to the annexed commission directed to Masters B. H. Sorsby, of Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, M. Whitley, of White Stone Lodge, No. 155, and William A. Moore, of Central Cross Lodge, No. 187 ; the undersigned, two of the said Masters (William A. Moore having failed to be present) met at Stanhope on the 19th day of June, A. D., 1869, A. L., 5869. Brethren B. H. Vester, A. J. Taylor and Thos B. Deans, having had due notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and being present and having announced themselves ready for the investigation, proceeded patiently, carefully and fully to consider the charges against Bros. A. J. Taylor and Thos. B. Deans, made in a communication addressed by B. H. Vester, W. M., to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, on the 7th day of Dec. A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868 and filed herewith, respectfully report :

1. That A. J. Taylor, late Treasurer of Stanhope Lodge, U. D. fully accounted for all monies received by him as Treasurer and had never been in default.

2. That Thos. B. Deans, late Secretary of Stanhope Lodge, had in his hands the sum of twenty-five dollars belonging to said Lodge, for which he had at all times been ready to account.

3. That there was no evidence that they, or either of them had squandered the money belonging to Stanhope Lodge, or appropriated it to their private uses, but the contrary appeared.

4. That the said Secretary and Treasurer were ready whenever called upon to account, and it is not true that either of them ever refused to attend any regular communication when summoned to render an account.

5. That the said investigation fully vindicated said brethren against the charges made in the letter referred to, and that there was nothing in the conduct of either of them requiring expulsion, explanation or censure.

6. That the charges made by Bro. Vester against these brethren were without any foundation, and the undersigned are impressed with the conviction that they were made in an unmasonic spirit.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. H. SORSBY,
M. WHITLEY.

Bro. F. C. Roberts, from the committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was concurred in, except so much as relates to the Grand Orient of France; and action on that portion was deferred until after the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence had been submitted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. G. M., R. B. Vance, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

After a careful consideration of the address, they would respectfully recommend the adoption of such measures proposed by the M. W. G. M., as are hereinafter mentioned in detail.

They would must respectfully dissent from the opinion expressed by the M. W. G. M., in his answer to Int. 12th, wherein he declares that a brother elected to membership, may sign the by-laws by an attorney in fact, and they respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that suitable committees be appointed to carry into effect the recommendation of the M. W. G. M., in regard to procuring the manuscripts of Bro. James Banks, Masonic Historian of N. C., and to prepare a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of P. D. G. M., David L. Swain, deceased.

They would further recommed that twelve custodians of property be appointed, whose duty shall be, in the Districts for which they are appointed to collect

all property and effects of Subordinate Lodges, which shall revert to this Grand Lodge, and to report the safe custody of the same to the M. W. G. M.

They would further recommend that Subordinate Lodges be required to select either St. John's (Baptist) or St. John's (Evangelist) day as the installation day of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and that the election of the same shall be held at least ten days immediately preceding such installation day. They would further recommend that the recommendation of the M. W. G. M., in relation to the Grand Orient of France be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. C. ROBERTS, for the Com.

Bro. Roberts, from the same committee, submitted a report as follows, action on which was deferred for the present.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, Committee on the address of the M. W. G. M., beg leave respectfully to report that an appeal in the matter of W. G. Hill, Lodge, No. 218, has been referred to your Committee for decision.—[See report of Committee on Jurisprudence following;] as there has already been a decision by the M. W. G. M., and the Committee on Jurisprudence, your Committee would respectfully refer the whole matter to the Grand Lodge for its decision.

F. C. ROBERTS, for the Committee.

Bre. H. S. Lee, R. H. Kingsbury and T. P. Whitney were appointed a committee to wait on the Grand Officers elect, inform them of their election, and procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install them this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock, Dec. 8th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Bro. John Nichols, from the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would respectfully report that during the past year the only question of material importance submitted to them for their decision was one from W. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, as follows:

Where a dimitted Mason has petitioned in regular form for membership, and been received, but who left the State before signing the By-Laws of the Lodge, can he empower another brother, by power of attorney, to sign the By-Laws for him?

Our decision was that he could not—that the signing of the By-Laws of a Lodge was an act that must be performed in person, and that the power to do so could not be delegated by one brother to another.

From our decision the Master of W. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, appealed to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. G. HILL,
JOS. B. BATCHELOR, } Com.
JOHN NICHOLS.

The Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, where an interesting entertainment was witnessed under the direction of Bro. W. J. Palmer, Principal.

The Grand Master, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, in an appropriate manner, returned thanks to Bro. Palmer.

The Grand Lodge returned to the Hall.

Bro. H. H. Munson, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following reports, which were concurred in, except that in relation to Eagle Rock Lodge, No. 201, which was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

To the M. W Grand Lodge of North Carolina: Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances in the case of Eagle Rock Lodge, No. 201, beg respectfully to report that they have investigated as fully as they could the case of Bro. Debnam, expelled by this Grand Lodge at its communication in 1867, and feel confident that the facts in this case could not have been fully and fairly set forth before the Committee then in charge, and upon whose report the action of this Grand Lodge was had, that they are in possession of a communication signed by a number of members of Eagle Rock Lodge, No. 201, setting forth the facts as they existed; that in the trial of said brother he was by said Lodge acquitted; that the papers in the case were surreptitiously brought up to this Grand Lodge, and by the action of this Grand Lodge the brother was expelled without trial or citation thereto; that the counsel then acting as prosecutors after subsequently carefully reviewing the case, were satisfied that the stand by them taken at that time was wrong, and they most sincerely regret it; they therefore recommend to this Grand Body to rescind the resolution by which Bro. Debnam was expelled, and thus restore him again to membership in his Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. WISEMAN, } Com.
A. THOMAS,

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina: Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was submitted the resolution concern

ing the payment of certain moneys to the destitute heirs of a deceased claimant, respectfully set forth, that no facts have been placed in their possession regarding this claim other than such as can be gleamed from the resolution itself, and that as our sympathies are greatly exercised in behalf of these destitute orphans, and desiring that no injustice in our report shall be done to the treasury of this Grand Lodge, we respectfully recommend that the matter be committed to a special committee of three with instructions to fully investigate the facts of the case, and ascertain the amount of all other claims against St. John's College, and report at our next annual communication.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. WISEMAN, } Com.
A. THOMAS,

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was submitted the accompanying resolution, [resolution of J. W. Beasley, on pages 19 and 20,] beg leave respectfully to report that after having given due consideration to the matter recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. WISEMAN, } Com.
A. THOMAS,

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7 o'clock and 15 minutes.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7¼ O'clock,
Dec. 8th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The committee appointed to inform the Grand Officers elect of their election, and procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install them this evening, reported that Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., was present to perform that duty.

Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to further report, as follows:

They have examined, with care, the Returns, By-Laws, and Workings of Pamplico Lodge, U. D., and find them correct.

They recommend that a Charter be granted said Lodge.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. REAGAN, Chr. Com.

Committee No. 3, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, No 3, on Suspensions and Expulsons, beg leave to make the following report:

Resolved, That the action of Carolina Lodge, No. 141, in the case of M. W. Burroughs, be set aside, the evidence not being sufficient to sustain the charges preferred against him.

Resolved, That the action of Loch Lommond Lodge, No. 242, in the case of H. A. Campbell, that the evidence being so indefinite, the Committee recommend that the papers in this case be sent back to Loch Lommond Lodge, and H. A. Campbell be granted a new trial

Resolved, That the action of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, in the case of John L. Branton, be confirmed to wit:—Expulsion.

Resolved, That the action of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, in the case of L. M. Allen, be confirmed.

R. H. KINGSBURY,
S. D. THRUSTON,
J. C. MAC RAE. } Com.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

Resolved, That the action of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249, in the case of Edwin Legg be disapproved for the reason that it does not appear that the brother was regularly served with a summons to appear and answer the charges preferred against him. The Committee recommend that a new trial be granted to brother Legg, and that the papers be sent back to Pythagoras Lodge for this purpose.

R. H. KINGSBURY,
JAS. C. MAC RAE. } Com.

Bro. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge heartily coincide in the return of thanks by our M. W. Grand Master, to Bro. W. J. Palmer, Principal, for the interesting and instructive exhibition given by the pupils of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind this afternoon.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments of Grand Officers:

Bro. ELLIS MALONE, M. D.,.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
" GEORGE PATTERSON,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
" E. J. BOWEN,.....*Sen. Grand Deacon.*
" R. G. EUBANKS,.....*Jun. Grand Deacon.*
" J. A. REAGAN.....*Grand Marshal.*
" S. D. THRUSTON,.....*Grand Sword Bearer.*
" J. Q. JACKSON,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
" J. M. BETTS,.....*Grand Tiler.*

The Grand Officers elect and appointed were installed by M. W., R. W. Best, P. G. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to witness an exemplification of the work in the third degree, by Hiram Lodge, No. 40, assisted by the Deputy Custodians and Grand Lecturers present; Bro. Sion H. Rogers, a Fellow-Craft in said Lodge, being the candidate.

Upon the close of Hiram Lodge, the Grand Lodge was called to labor.

Bro. F. C. Roberts introduced the following resolution, which was read and made the special order for 3 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow:

Resolved, That the Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges be instructed to approve the Code of By-Laws adopted by St. John's Lodge, No. 3.

Bro. J. H. Mills, from the committee on St. John's College, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on St. John's College respectfully report full payment made for the entire property, and a balance in hand of $48.75. The title is made to the Grand Lodge. The contract with Brother Phillips expired in July, and the building was rented to Bro. R. H. Marsh, whose school and contract will close on the 10th inst. We recommend that the amount in hand be presented to the children of Brother David Allen deceased, and that this Committee be allowed to deposit in the archives of this Grand Lodge their book giving the details of the amounts collected and expended.

R. W. BEST,
J. H. MILLS } Com.
JNO. NICHOLS,

Resolutions were introduced, read and adopted as follows:

By Bro. J. L. Carroll:

WHEREAS, The wants of the children of Bro. David Allen, deceased, the consideration of whose claims against St. John's College, are such as to demand immediate relief, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge make a contribution of $200 to said children, for the purposes of clothing, education, &c., during the coming year, which sum shall be paid to the order of their guardian, Bro. L. A. Paschall, of Oxford.

By Bro. J. H. Mills:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to Brother, J. L. Carroll for the unusual activity and effi-

ciency displayed by him in the collection of funds for the purchase of St. John's College; also to brother John A. McDonald for gratuitious and voluntary assistance rendered in the same cause.

By Bro. E. M. Nadal:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have one thousand copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules for the Government of subordinate Lodges in Masonic Trials, and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, now in force, published and distributed as follows: One copy to each Grand officer; three copies to each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction; and one copy to each of the Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence.

Upon the presentation of this resolution, Bro. T. M. Gardner moved that the publication, in the Proceedings, of the membership of Subordinate Lodges, be discontinued, which was not agreed to.

By Bro. M. Whitley:

Resolved, That the question of the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge to White Stone Lodge, No. 155, for which a note was given by the Grand Lodge in December, 1860, be referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

By Bro. J. H. Mills:

Resolved, That a permanent Board of nine Directors be appointed to take charge of St. John's College and have the same conducted, according to their discretion, as a male College, a female College, or an orphan Asylum, and that the official term of the first three be three years, of the second three, two years, and the third three, one year.

The Grand Master appointed the Board of Directors of St. John's College, with official term as follows:

T. M. LYNCH,	Oxford.	One year.
S. A. WILLIAMS,	"	
R. H. KINGSBURY,	"	
L. C. TAYLOR,	Oxford.	Two years.
J. H. HORNER,	"	
W. S. GRANDY,	"	
W. J. PALMER,	Raleigh.	Three years.
EUGENE GRISSOM,	"	
JOHN NICHOLS,	"	

The Grand Master announced the following special committees:

On History of Masonry by the late Bro. James Banks: Bre. J. L. Carroll, P. Mast, and B. W. Hatcher.

On Tribute of Respect to the late Bro. David L. Swain: Bro. J. H. Mills, E. J. Bowen, and J. S. Michard.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
December 9th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Eugene Grissom, the vote by which the resolutions of Bro. W. G. Hill, P. G. M., concerning the right of Grand Masters to make Masons at sight, were laid on the table on Tuesday afternoon, was reconsidered.

Whereupon, Bro. Hill introduced the following, which were read and adopted:

Resolved 1st, That this Grand Lodge cannot, hereafter, recognize any other mode of making Masons, than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usage of the Craft, namely: "In a regular Lodge," after previous notice and due enquiry into character."

2nd, That this Grand Lodge cannot, and does not recognize any inherent right or power, or prerogative in Grand Masters, to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge; and must regard the exercise of such power not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakable provisions of the ancient charges and Constitutions of Masonry.

3rd, That these makings by Grand Masters, heretofore, are hereby declared legal, and the Masons so made entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Craft.

The Special Order for this hour, (10 o'clock,) being the report of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, in the case of Eagle Rock Lodge, No. 201, was taken up for consideration. The same was read, and, after argument in the case, on motion of Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., was laid on the table.

Bro. T. H. Pritchard, from Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions submitted the following report which was read:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee, No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to report that they have examined the records in the matter of M. W. Lassater, of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 56, and find no error therein, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed, to wit:—Expulsion.

Also, in the matter of C. N. Civalia of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 56, and find the records informal, and therefore recommend that the case be respectfully returned to the Lodge below for correction.

Also, in the case of S. W. Neal, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, and find the records all correct, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed:—Expulsion.

Also, in the case of Miles Jeans, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, and find no error therein, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed:—Expulsion.

Also, in the case of S. L. Riddle, of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, and find no error therein, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed, to wit:—Suspension for three months.

Also, in the case of W. P. Fox, of Hanks Lodge, No. 128, and find no error therein, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed: Expulsion.

Also, in the case of H. D. Hill, of Long Creek Lodge, No. 205, and find no error therein, and recommend that the sentence of the Lodge below be affirmed:—Expulsion.

Also, in the case of J. D. Sole, of Leaksville Lodge, No. 136, and find no error in the record, but your committee regard the sentence of expulsion as too severe, and recommend that this sentence be reversed, and the brother be suspended for six months, and that the Leaksville Lodge be notified of this action of the Grand Lodge, if the Grand Lodge shall graciously be pleased to approve this recommendation of the Committee.

Also, in the case of P. C. Oats, of Warren Lodge, No. 101, and find the record correct, and recommend that the sentence—expulsion, of the Lodge below be affirmed.

Also, fn the case of J. W. Harris, of Western Star Lodge, No. 91, and find no error in the record, and therefore recommend that the sentence of expulsion of the Lodge below be affirmed.

Also, in the case of W. M. Kerr, of Long Creek Lodge, No. 205, your Committee have examined the records of the Lodge, and have patiently heard the statement and pleas of the appellant—W. M. Kerr—and recommend, after due consideration, that the sentence of expulsion pronounced by the Lodge below be affirmed.

T. H. PRITCHARD, }
J. G. RAMSAY. } Com.

Bro. John Nichols, S. G. W., moved that the penalty in the case of W. M. Kerr, from Long Creek Lodge, No. 205, be commuted to indefinite suspension. The motion prevailed, and the report, as to other cases, was concurred in.

Bro. George Patterson, from Committee No. 2, on Suspen-

sions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in, except so much as relates to the case of Charles S. Cooley, from Eagle Lodge, No. 71, which was ordered to be referred back to the Lodge for a new trial:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We recommend that the action of Wayne Lodge, No. 112, in the expulsion of Daniel T. Howell be confirmed

2nd. That the action of Berea Lodge, No. 204, in the expulsion of D T. Wood be confirmed

3rd. That the action of Berea Lodge, No. 204, in the indefinite suspension of George W. Brinkley, be confirmed.

4th. That the action of Eagle Lodge, No. 71, in the indefinite suspension of Chas. S. Cooley be not confirmed by this Grand Body; but that the said Chas. S. Cooley be expelled by this Grand Lodge from all the rights and privileges of Masonry—he having been guilty of a grievous offence, immediately following the judgment pronounced by his Lodge.

5th. That the action of Columbus Lodge, No. 102, in the case of J. Q. A. Leach, be sustained, it being that of expulsion.

6th. That the action of Nahunta Lodge, No. 239, in the cases of Bros. W. H. Aycock and J. Bryson, be confirmed.

7th. That the action of Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, in the matter of brother W. R. Wheatley be approved, it being deemed unnecessary by your Committee that any further steps should be taken in this case.

8th. Your Committee recommend that the action in the case of Bro. S. R. Spruill, by Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, be ap proved—provided that the said brother Spruill shall within thirty (30) days return the heifer claimed by the said brother Wheatley. The Committee would further respectfully recommend that the said Bro. S. R. Spruill be placed on trial by his Lodge in accordance with Resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge against Profanity—found on Page 64, of Procceedings of this Grand Lodge of last year.

9th. That the action of Yadkin Lodge, No. 162, in the case of Isaac Long, Jr., for dese tion of his family, be approved, it being that of suspension for twelve months.

GEO. PATTERSON,
J. B. NEATHERY,
J. H. MILLS.
} Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution concerning the appointment of a Private Secretary by the Grand Master, submitted the following report, which was concur red in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the undersigned, the Committe appointed on the Resolution of Bro.

R. W. York to report on the propriety of allowing a private Secretary to the Grand Master, would most respectfully recommend that he be allowed to appoint such officer, and that the matter of pecuniary compensation be left to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. *Provided*, That no sum shall be paid to to this officer for services rendered, exceeding one hundred dollars.

R. W. YORK,
GEO. PATTERSON, } Com.
W. L. LONDON.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims submitted a report as follows, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee on Accounts and Claims beg leave to submit the following rep ort:

They have examined the following accounts and finding them correct, respectfully recommend that they be paid:

1st. Balance due on one note, held by White Stone Lodge, No. 155, given by this Grand Lodge Dec. 1860, $1.60, which your Committee respectfully recommend to be credited on their annual dues for 1869.

2. Bro. H. J. Brown for 5 dozen chairs and two small tables $70.00.

3. Sentinel Office for advertising the Communication of this Grand Lodge $6.

4. Nichols and Gorman for Printing for Grand Lodge $42.25.

5. J. M. Betts, Grand Tiler, for wood, washing aprons, Tiling, &c., $40.50.

The Committee have considered an account referred to them from Engelhard and Price for advertising in the Wilmington Journal, the sale of St. John's College. We cannot recommend its payment as the advertisement was inserted by the Trustees without authority of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. Q. JACKSON,
A. S. HEIDE, } Com.
J. H. SEPARK,

Bro. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the fiscal year of this Grand Lodge close on the 30th of November.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances having the case of Wm. C. Sheetz, from Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217, after due consideratian of the same, beg leave to report that the action of the Lodge be sustained.

H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. WISEMAN. } Com.

Bro. J. L. Carroll, from Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings, and Returns, etc., submitted the following report, which was concurred in :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings, and Returns, have had the papers committed to them under consideration, and submit the following facts :

REPORTS BEARING DATE OF CHARTER AND SEAL.

Hiram,	No. 98,	Industrial,	No. 212,
Centre Grove,	" 183,	Coble,	" 264,
Berea,	" 204,	Widow's Son,	" 75,
County Line,	" 224,	Nahunta,	" 239,
Gatesville,	" 126,	Cleveland,	" 202,
Richland,	" 214,		

HAVING DATE OF CHARTER, BUT NO SEAL.

Manuel Fetter,	No. 275,	Mebaneville,	No. 272,

HAVING SEAL, BUT NO DATE OF CHARTER.

Johnson Caswell,	No. 10,

HAVING NEITHER SEAL NOR DATE OF CHARTER.

Holly Grove,	No. 252,	Eagle,	No. 71.
Union,	" 173,		

The Committee would further state that several of the reports committed to them are in manuscript instead of the printed form prescribed by the Grand Lodge; and that several which have the printed forms give evident indications of careless preparation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARROLL,
N. ADAMS, } Com.
H. A. HODGE,

Bro. H. S. Lee, Deputy Custodian of the "Work," submitted his report as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the proceedings of this Grand Body :

To R. B. Vance, G. M. of Masons in North Carolina :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother : Having been appointed at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, one of the Deputy Custodians of the Work, it becomes my duty to report some of my Masonic labor during the past year.

I deem it unnecessary in this report to treat at length upon the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Custodians, as every mason should (and every bright mason does) know that the preservation, and the dissemination of the Work, depend, in a great degree, upon their energies. Feeling a deep interest in our time-honored and benevolent institution, and ever having the good of the craft at heart, I sincerely trust that I have been fully sensible of the weighty responsibilities of my position among the craft. And if any er-

rors have been committed by me in my endeavors to promote the cause and impart light, I hope it will be charged to the head and not to the heart.

Soon after my appointment I was solicited to visit a number of Lodges in the Eastern portion of the State, but was unable to commence traveling until the Spring.

On the 5th of April, I visited Concord Lodge, No. 58. I found that Lodge working harmoniously, and the brethren exceedingly anxious for *more light.* I remained there until the W. M. and J. W. were almost perfect in *the Work*, and the greater portion of the members much improved. I found the Records well kept; and were I allowed to judge by the energy and zeal there manifested, my prediction would be that Concord Lodge will soon (if not now) rank among the best Working Lodges in North Carolina.

On the 12th of April, I responded to a call from Greenville Lodge, No. 284, where I lectured for three days and nights. I found that Lodge badly in need of, but resolved to receive instructions. On the 2nd of May I resumed labors with that Lodge again, and continued my course of instructions until the 7th, and left the Lodge in good working order. The Records required but few corrections.

On the 7th of May I commenced lecturing Orr Lodge, No. 104, where I remained until the 20th. I found in Orr Lodge a large number of zealous masons, and they were anxious to receive *the Work.* I left quite a number of bright masons; and the principal officers and Secretary, almost thoroughly instructed. The Lodge is now working well, and I must say in justice to the Secretary, E. S. Hoyt, that the Records of Orr Lodge exhibit the best sample of scholarship of any I have ever examined.

On July 7th, I visited Conoho Lodge, No. 131, where I remained lecturing day and night until the 18th. I found this Lodge without the Work, but very anxious to get it. I left the brethren greatly improved, both in work and discipline. I found some informalities in the Records which I corrected, and have no doubt they will be well kept in future.

On the 19th of July I visited Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, for the purpose of giving a course of Masonic instruction. I remained and lectured day and night for one week. I found the W. M., Wardens, and some of the brethren, in search of true light, while others were entertaining some unmasonic ideas and creating some confusion among the craft—such feelings as are too often entertained by those who are wanting in Masonic knowledge. I labored to root out the seed of discord and strife—to pour oil upon the troubled waters, and to sow seed that would bring forth better fruit. And I feel that I succeeded in a great measure. I left the Lodge much improved in the Ritual of Masonry, and in harmony. I found but few defects in the Records.

On July 24th, by earnest and polite invitation, I visited Stonewall Lodge, U. D. Here I met a band of brethren among whom no improper contention existed. They are a unit in sentiment, and thirsting for masonic knowledge. This Lodge is located in the thriving little village of Robinsonville, Martin county, directly on the Williamston & Tarboro' Railroad. It is composed of good material, and surrounded with all the facilities necessary for erecting and supporting a good Masonic Lodge. In a community like this, abounding n wealth, literature, refinement and other resources, is one of those pleasant i

places where Masonry delights to dwell. And I hope this Grand Lodge in its wisdom, will grant to Stonewall Lodge a Charter, for I feel sure it would be safely lodged with the worthy Master who now rules and governs the Lodge.

On the 12th of August I visited Perseverance Lodge, No. 59. I found this Lodge almost without any work, and considerable contention and unfriendly feeling existing among the workmen. I gently fanned the almost extinguished spark until darkness was partially changed to light, and the Holy fires began again to burn upon the altar. This Lodge, like many others, sustained heavy losses in time of the late war, and has not been able yet to fully recover. I lectured there seven days, and conferred several degrees. I left the Lodge much improved, with a spirit of reconciliation among the brethren.

August 20th, I visited Charity Lodge, No. 5, which I found working very incorrectly. The Records were decently kept, agreeably to their mode of working. I worked with the brethren day and night until the 28th. I left a number of the brethren greatly improved, and they expressed their intention to have more instruction in future.

On the 13th of September, I met the brethren of Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208, in their Hall. I found this Lodge without the Work, but exceedingly anxious to obtain it. I gave instructions for five days; left the Lodge much improved, but not satisfied with what they had received. They solicited me to visit them again on the 7th of November, which I did, and remained with them six days more. The Lodge is now in a prosperous condition, and they intend to have the Work complete.

Of Rountree Lodge, No. 243, over which I have had the honor to preside for the last three years, I have but little to say. I have imparted instruction from time to time, and flatter myself with the pleasing thought that it is a good working Lodge. Others, however, may be better judges of this matter.

In addition to my labors in the above mentioned Lodges, I have thoroughly instructed the following brethren in the Ritual, viz: Calvin Cox, Greenville, Pitt county; J. O. Whittemore, P. M., Washington, Beaufort county; E. J. Bowen, of Craven county; J. A. Whitley, of Martin county, to whom I have given certificates of their proficiency in the Work, and who are now able to impart the same correctly.

In conclusion I am happy to say, that, in my labors and teachings, I have met with no opposition, but all who have seen and heard, have expressed their high appreciation of the Work, and those who have seen most, are the most highly pleased.

Allow me here to say a word relative to the great number of Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction, that have not yet received the Work, and made no effort to obtain it. He, alone, who travels from Lodge to Lodge, converses with brethren from different parts of the State, and makes Masonry his study, can form any conception of the inefficiency in the Ritual of Masonry now existing among the subordinate Lodges.

It is believed, sir, that this Grand Lodge has the Work in its original purity, and it has been said by high functionaries of other Grand Jurisdictions that ours is the most beautiful and correct Work extant. And for these and many other lawful reasons, I contend that every subordinate Lodge within the

Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, should have the *Work* and work by no other. This emergency should be met and overcome, and to do it, this Grand Lodge must take some action. May the God of Nature direct us in all our actions, and be our chief moderator in all our councils.

Fraternally submitted,

H. S. LEE,

Deputy Custodian.

On motion of Bro. T. H. Pritchard, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a seal to be attached to his official correspondence.

Reports of Committees were presented as follows and concurred in:

No. 1, on Work, Proceedings, and Returns of subordinate Lodges:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom were referred Reports and Proceedings of subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that the returns coming to this Committee have been reviewed, and present the following facts:

RETURNS OF LODGES BEARING DATE OF CHARTER AND SEAL.

Burnsville,	No. 192,	Yadkin,	No. 162,
New Berne,	" 245,	Catawba Valley,	" 217,
Pine Forest,	" 186,	Fair Bluff,	" 190,
Atlantic,	" 238,	Eno,	" 210,
Henderson,	" 229,	Wilson,	" 226,
Knapp of Reeds,	" 158,	Radiance,	" 132,
Eagle Rock,	" 201,	Person,	" 113,
East Bend,	" 269,	Wiccacon,	" 240.

BEARING DATE OF CHARTER, BUT NO SEAL.

St. Albans,	No. 275,	Oak,	" 255,
Tabernacle,	" 223,	Greenville,	" 284,

BEARING SEAL, BUT NO DATE OF CHARTER.

St. John's,	" 3,	New Light,	No. 215,
Lafayette,	" 179,	Mill Creek,	" 125.

HAVING NEITHER SEAL NOR DATE OF CHARTER.

Roanoke. " 203.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. BEASLEY, } Com.
JOHN NICHOLS, }

An additional report by the same committee:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 1, to whom were referred Reports and Proceedings of subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that the same have been reviewed, and present the following facts:

LODGES BEARING DATE OF CHARTER AND SEAL.

Tuscarora,	No.	122,	Blackmer,	No.	170,
Watauga,	"	273,	Charity,	"	5,
Kilwinning,	"	64,	Buffalo,	"	172,
Lincoln,	"	137,	Farmington,	"	265,
Excelsior,	"	261,	Joseph Warren,	"	92,
Mt. Olive,	"	208,	Loch Lomond,	"	242,
Central Cross,	"	187,	Tabasco,	"	271,
Salem,	"	289,	Phalanx,	"	31,
Delk,	"	171,	Mecklenburg,	"	176,
Winston,	"	167,	Rockford,	"	251,
Monroe.	"	244,	Perquimans,	"	106,
St. Paul,	"	166,	St. John's,	"	1,
Mt. Moriah,	"	82,	Adoniram,	"	149,
W. T. Bain,	"	231,	Pythagoras,	"	249,
Lee,	"	253,	Elmwood,	"	246,

BEARING DATE OF CHARTER, BUT NO SEAL.

Eureka,	No.	283,	Castalia,	No.	286,
Builders,	"	270,	Chalmers,	"	151,
Haw River,	"	225,	Centre Hill,	"	260,
St. Patrick,	"	274,			

BEARING DATE OF CHARTER—SEAL DEFECTIVE.

Siloam,	No.	188,

BEARING SEAL, BUT NO DATE OF CHARTER.

Rountree,	No.	243,	King Solomon,	No.	56,
Cherokee,	"	146,			

BEARING NEITHER SEAL NOR DATE OF CHARTER,

Mt. Vernon,	No.	143,	Wm. R. Davie,	No.	37.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEASLEY, }
JOHN NICHOLS, } Com.

No. 2, on Work, Proceedings, and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 2, to whom were referred the returns of the following Lodges, submit the following report:

Hiram,	No.	40,	correct,	Pleasant Hill,	"	168,	correct,
Concord,	"	58,	"	Geo. Wash'gton,	"	174,	"
Greensboro,	"	76,	"	Sandy Creek,	"	185,	"
Zion,	"	81,	"	Balfour,	"	188,	not correct,
Morning Star,	"	85,	"	Mt. Olivet,	"	195,	correct,
St. John's,	"	96,	"	Carey,	"	198,	"
Orr,	"	104,	"	W. G. Hill,	"	218,	"
Franklin,	"	109,	"	Webster,	"	222,	"
Wayne,	"	112,	"	Jonesville,	"	227,	not correct,
Franklinton,	"	123,	"	McCormick,	"	228,	correct,
Mocksville,	"	134,	"	Lenoir,	"	233,	"
Black Rock,	"	135,	"	Anchor,	"	234,	"
King Solomon,	"	138,	"	Cokesbury,	"	235,	"
Mt. Energy,	"	140,	"	Mt. Hermon,	"	247,	"

Carolina,	No. 141,	correct.	
Cane Creek,	" 142,	"	
Scotch Ireland,	" 154,	"	
White Stone,	" 155,	"	
Rolesville,	" 156,	report 10 more members than they have on their returns.	
Mt. Pleasant,	" 157,	"	
Beaumont,	" 160,	not correct,	
Mt. Bethel,	No. 254,	correct.	
Trinity,	" 256,	not correct,	
Harnett,	" 258,	correct,	
Green Level,	" 277,	not correct,	
Sapona,	" 280,	"	
Rich'd Wat York,	" 281,	correct,	
Forestville,	" 282,	"	
Richland Creek,	" 291,	not correct.	

The Lodges that we report incorrect are such as have no seal to their returns or the proper certificate of their Secretaries.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. H. WHITE,
W. S. THOMPSON, } Com.
J. M. STONE,

Bro. E. J. Bowen, Grand Lecturer, presented his report as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the Proceedings:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina:

In conformity to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, I received, in June last, from Bro. H. S. Lee, one of the Grand Custodians, a certificate upon which the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to commission me as Grand Lecturer, in July, since which time it has been my pleasure to visit and lecture, more or less, the following Lodges, to wit: Fellowship, No. 84; Mill Creek, No. 125; Winston, No. 167; Farmington, No. 265; East Bend, No. 269; Yadkin, No. 162; Rockford, No. 251; Jonesville, No. 227; Liberty, No. 45, and Jefferson, No. 219, all of which I found more or less in want of the Work. Some of them I left in fine working order, while others, owing to circumstances over which they had no control, were obliged to suspend further instruction for the present, which of course left them imperfect in the Ritual, while I had no cause to complain of their discipline. I hope I will not be considered invidious when I say that Farmington Lodge, No. 265, is one of the finest working Lodges I have ever visited in the State, both in Ritual and discipline, while others approximate very closely the same state of proficiency. I was received by all those Lodges with the cordial greetings which are not expected outside the Fraterniry, and would by no means omit this opportunity of returning my thanks for the kindness and hospitality with which I was received, as well as for their high appreciation of the action of this most Worshiplul Grand Lodge in the establishment of a uniformity of work and the facilities afforded for the dissemination of the same. I also instructed Bros. B. W. Hatcher, of J. B. Person Lodge, No. 257, and J. S. Michard, of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, and recommended them to Right Worshipful R. W. Best, Senior Grand Custodian, upon whose rigid examination I am pleased to learn they both proved satisfactorily proficient and received his certificate as such. for this and many other deeds of kindness received at the hands of this distinguished brother, I would respectfully acknowledge myself under many obligations.

Fraternally Yours,

E. J. BOWEN, G. L.

Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapproves the custom of mock masonic burial services after a brother has been actually buried, and that subordinate Lodges are hereby forbidden to engage in such services.

Bro. B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer, presented his report as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the Proceedings:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina:

In pursuance of a resolution passed by this Grand Body at its last annual communication, I, on the 12th of September last, at Farmington, N. C., received of the Grand Lecturer, Bro. E. J. Bowen, of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, of Newbern, N. C., a certificate as to my qualifications on the Ritual of Masonry, as adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last communication, which certificate was endorsed by the Right Worshipful Senior Deputy Grand Custodian, Bro. R. W. Best, since which time it has been my pleasure to visit and instruct the following Lodges, viz: J. B. Person Lodge, No. 257; Archer, No. 165; St. Patrick's, No. 274, and Gunter's Lodge, No. 232, all of which I found in want of the Work; some of which, I am pleased to state, I left in good working order, while others, I am sorry to say, were forced to suspend further instructions, owing to their present financial embarrassments. And I am pleased to have the pleasure of reporting to this Grand Body, that the Work as adopted at its last communication, has given universal satisfaction to all whom it has been my province to meet and instruct. And the brotherly feeling manifested in those Lodges go far to show that Masonry is deeply implanted in their hearts. May all the Craft be enabled, at an early day in the future, to obtain the Work, and that the only contention among us may be, who can best Work and best agree.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,

B. W. HATCHER, G. L.

Bro. J. A. Reagan, from Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, No. 2, beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws and Workings of Clay Lodge, U. D., and find them correct. They would recommend that a Charter be granted to said Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. REAGAN, Ch. Com.

Bro. W. G. Hill, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a uniform code of By-Laws for the government of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and submit the same at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Wm. G. Hill, John Nichols and J. B. Batchelor as the committee under the foregoing resolution.

Bro. John Nichols, S. G. W., from special committee, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. B. P. Williamson to ascertain on what terms a room in his new building could be secured for the use of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report, that they failed to receive any proposition which they could recommend this G. L. to accept.

W. E. ANDERSON,
R. W. YORK,
JNO. NICHOLS. } Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock,
Dec. 9th, A. L., 5869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The special order for this hour, being the resolution of Bro. F. C. Roberts, to instruct the committee on By-Laws to approve the code of By-Laws of St. John's Lodge, No. 3., was taken up.

On motion of Bro. J. H. Mills, the Lodge was authorized to work under its By-Laws the present year.

The committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to prepare a ceremony of installation of Grand Officers, presented their report, which was concurred in without reading. [Document No. 2, of Appendix.]

Bro. R. W. Best, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain what amount is due by this Grand Lodge, for notes held by Lodges or individuals, and report at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Adopted, and the Grand Master announced Bre. J. B. Batchelor, T. M. Gardner and R. W. Best, as the committee.

The committee on Schools under the management of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on schools under the management of Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report that no school of the kind has been reported to them, except the "Masonic and Friends of Temperance High School," at Reems' Creek, Buncombe County, which is under the control of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170. The Trustees report A. J. McAlpine as President, who is represented as a Mason; and a gentleman every way qualified. The course of instruction seems to be extensive, consisting of all the English Branches, Mathematics, Latin, Greek and French. Board and tuition are very cheap; and facilities good for an education. We can most heartily recommend it to the patronage of the fraternity, as a school worthy of encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. L. HARRIS,
JAMES CALLOWAY, } Committee.
R. P. MATHESON,

On motion of Bro. J. L. Carroll, so much of the report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, as relates to the Grand Orient of France, was concurred in.

Bro. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was read adopted:

WHEREAS, on page 25, of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its last communication, the report of the Committee on Digest of Masonic Law was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and whereas that Committee, (page 38) reported that they had not been called upon for any decisions on any questions of Law and usage, and whereas two of that Committee worked arduously and assiduously the whole of the year on that report, and whereas information has reached us, that one of the Committee on Jurisprudence was in possession of that report at that time, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be requested to unearth that report and present their own thereupon at our next annual communication.

The report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, concerning the appeal of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, from the decision of the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, &c., was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Bro. John Nichols, S. G. W., the decision of the committee on Jurisprudence referred to in said report, was approved.

[See report of committee on Jurisprudence on pages 28 and 29.]

Bro. W. L. Love, Grand Lecturer, presented his report as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the Proceedings:

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

M. W. Sir and Brother: I received a commission from you, some six months ago, giving me as Grand Lecturer, authority to visit and instruct the subordinate Lodges in this grand jurisdiction.

Protracted feebleness, during the summer months, prevented me from discharging the high trust of a Lecturer, as I desired. I, however, visited Clay Lodge, U. D., Junaluskee Lodge, No. 145, and Unaka Lodge, No. 268, where I found the brethren generally in great need of instruction, and apparently anxious to receive light.

Hoping to be of more service to the Fraternity in the future than heretofore,

I am Fraternally Yours,

W. L. LOVE, G. L.

Bro. H. H. Munson, from Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances in the case of an appeal from the decision of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, taken by Bro. L. M. Allen, beg respectfully to report that owing to shortness of time and lack of testimony, they are unable to complete satisfactorily the labor assigned them, and recommend that the papers in this case be laid on the table for future reference.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, Ch. Com.

On motion of Bro. E. S. Lougee, the dues of Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125, for which said Lodge was now in arrears, being $15 for the year 1869, were remitted in consideration of misfortunes which had befallen it.

Bro. S. H. Rountree, Deputy Custodian, presented a report as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the proceedings:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Agreeably to an established custom of this Grand Lodge, I herewith submit my annual report as Deputy Custodian.

On March 1st I commenced lecturing and instructing a class, formed of a portion of the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 96. I lectured them twelve nights, and improved them much in the Work.

On March 15th, I visited, by invitation, Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 117; lectured the officers and a few of the members, for six days, and left them much improved in the Work.

On May 14th I visited La Fayette Lodge, No. 83, found them working very badly; instructed them six days, and was pleased with the zeal of a few of the members, and particularly of Bro. Charles Duffy, Jr., who devoted the entire time I was there, with me.

On June 7th I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 230, which I found working very badly. The Lodge appointed two of its members to meet with me and procure the work, and in the day I instructed the above brethren, and at night lectured the Lodge in a body, which plan I recommended. I lectured six days and left them greatly improved in the Work.

On July 5th I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 3, where I found the brethren working well in the old Work, but were anxious to comply with the requirement of the Grand Lodge in adopting the new Work. I lectured five nights and four days; instructing in the day our esteemed Bros. F. C. Roberts and C. C. Clark, and at night lecturing the whole Lodge. Bros. Roberts and Clark made rapid progress and expressed themselves as well pleased with the "Best" Work.

In August I lectured St. John's Lodge, No 96, for six days, and left them much improved.

On September 6th I visited Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95; found them working badly, but some of the members were very zealous in learning; and after lecturing six days, I left them greatly improved.

November 5th, I visited Pamplico Lodge, U. D., where I found the entire membership anxious to procure the "Best" Work. I lectured them seven days and nights, and though, for a part of the time the weather was very inclement, yet one and all attended the lectures and displayed zeal worthy of imitation. I left them working well, and take the liberty here to say, if the Grand Lodge sees fit to grant them a Charter, it could not be placed in more worthy hands.

On November 22d, I again visited Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 117, but owing to pressing business engagements, but few attended my lectures. P. M. L. D. Farmer attended and made good proficiency.

I have given to Bro. Joseph Kinsey a certificate as to proficiency in the Work and lectures.

My intercourse with the brethren in the Lodges I have visited, has been of the most pleasant character, and I now return them my sincere thanks for the kindness they have ever shown me.

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE, D. C.

Bro. R. W. Best introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to remit to Miss Eliza H. Hill the amount due by her for rent of one of the lower rooms of the Grand Lodge Building, for the year 1869.

Bro. J. A. Reagan introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to the various Railroad Companies for their liberality in passing the members of the Grand Lodge over their several roads at half fare.

The Grand Master announced the following "Custodians of property," as recommended by the Committee on the Grand Master's address :

1st	Judicial District,	Thomas Thompson,	Edenton,
2d	" "	E. S. Hoyt,	Washington,
3d	" "	F. C. Roberts,	Newbern,
4th	" "	H. H. Munson,	Wilmington,
5th	" "	R. W. Hardie,	Fayetteville,
6th	" "	D. W. Bain,	Raleigh,
7th	" "	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,	Greensboro,
8th	" "	P. A. Wilson,	Winston,
9th	" "	Sam'l Wittkowski,	Charlotte,
10th	" "	E. M. Welborne,	Wilkesboro,
11th	" "	Jas. A. Reagan,	Asheville,
12th	" "	C. D. Smith,	Franklin.

Resolutions were introduced as follows and adopted :
By Bro. S. D. Thruston :

Resolved, That the Master and Wardens of any subordinate Lodge that shall fail to take action against the members for disobedience of summons, are guilty of a grave misdemeanor; and any failure in this matter shall be considered sufficient cause for arrest of charter.

By Bro. John Nichols, S. G. W. :

Resolved, That a written or printed notice, by order of the Worshipful Master, signed by the Secretary and attested by the seal of the Lodge, shall be considered a legal notice.

The Grand Master re-appointed Bro. H. S. Lee, of Kinston, as Deputy Custodian of the work, for one year.

On motion of Bro. T. M. Gardner, the following resolution, adopted at the last annual communication, was repealed :

Resolved, That any commissioned Lecturer of this Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to grant a certificate of qualification to any brother whom he may know to be thoroughly instructed in the work, and any brother possessing such certificate shall be authorized to grant a similar certificate to any whom he shall instruct in the same manner. And the Grand Master is hereby authorized to commission as Lecturer any brother presenting such certificate.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the proceedings. [Document No. 1, of Appendix.]

The recommendation of the Committee to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was concurred in.

The Grand Master announced the following Committees:

On By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges: Bre. J. B. Neathery, A. S. Heide, and Wm. Simpson.

On Debts against St. John's College: Bre. R. H. Kingsbury, J. L. Carroll, and J. H. Mills.

Bro. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and officers for the courteous, patient, and impartial manner in which they have discharged their duties at this communication.

The Grand Lodge having completed its labors, was closed in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, after prayer by Bro. Geo. Patterson, Grand Chaplain, until the first Monday in December, A. L., 5870, being the 5th day of the month.

ROBT. B. VANCE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

After the close of the Grand Lodge, the following documents were handed to the Grand Secretary for publication in the proceedings:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of Bro. David L. Swain, held a meeting immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge

and unanimously resolved to request Mrs. Cornelia P. Spencer, of Chapel Hill, to prepare a sketch of the Life and Character of our illustrious brother; because her personal acquaintance with him, her knowledge of his history, and her talents as a writer eminently qualified her to do justice to his exalted worth.

Grand Master Vance, having been informed of the purpose of the Committee, expressed his cordial approbation, and ordered that the said sketch, if received in time, should be inserted in these Proceedings. The Committee accordingly, made known to Mrs. Spencer, what seemed to be the general desire of the Fraternity, and received the following reply :

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 7th, 1870.

MESSRS. MILLS, BOWEN AND MICHARD :

GENTLEMEN :—Your request that I should prepare a sketch of the life of the late Gov. Swain, for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, has been received.

I thank you for the compliment conveyed in such a request, and while I would prefer that you had selected some one more capable of doing justice to the subject, I assure you no one could take more pride and pleasure in thus assisting to embalm the memory of a great and good man, and a true North Carolinian.

The ancient and venerable order of Masons will receive new lustre, when to its long roll of illustrious names, it adds that of David L. Swain.

I will at once collect such materials as are at present within my reach, and will, if possible, transmit to you such a memoir as I presume will be suitable for your purpose.

I am, gentlemen, with respect,

CORNELIA P. SPENCER.

In due time, was received also the following :

DAVID LOWRY SWAIN, L.L. D., was born near Asheville, Buncombe County, N. C., on the 4th January, 1801.

His ancestors emigrated from England to Massachusetts, and his father, George Swain, was born in Roxboro' in that State, in 1763. He came South and settled in Wilkes, now Oglethorpe County in Georgia, was a member of the Convention that revised the Constitution of Georgia, served in the Legislature five years, and finally, his health failing, removed to Buncombe County, N. C., in 1795. He was for many years, Post-master at Asheville, until within two years of his death in 1829. He married Mrs. Caroline Lowry, daughter of Jesse Lane, of Wake County, and widow of Captain Lowry who had been killed by Indians in Georgia. By her first husband, she had three children; by her last seven. All of these it is believed, are now dead.

David L. Swain received his early education from two Presbyterian Ministers, Rev'd George Newton and Rev'd F. H. Porter, who were successively teachers in Newton Academy in Asheville. In after years, he loved to refer to the circumstances of his bringing up, as having had a lasting and very beneficial effect on his character. The people west of the Blue Ridge in those days were dis-

tinguished by primitive simplicity of manners and way of life, and by hearty hospitality and kindliness towards all men. He would say—"my father was "a Presbyterian elder, my mother was a Methodist, and their house was the "home for preachers of all sorts, and all good men were welcome, there as "long as they chose to stay. Bishop Asbury blessed me when a child. Pres-"byterians taught me, and Humphrey Posey, the Baptist, prayed for me. So "I was brought up to love all good Christians."

He retained through life the pure and simple habits and tastes, and the moderation which were inculcated at home. His father was ambitious for him, and ambitious of the best things. He taught his son to choose good company and to aim high. After David left home to pursue the study of Law, he maintained a regular and confidential correspondence with his father, appearing to share all his thoughts and feelings with him. He could hardly have possessed a better safe-guard from temptation and vice.

He came to Chapel Hill to pursue his education in the year 1821, remaining, however, but a short time and proceeding to Raleigh, where he entered the Law-Office of Hon. John L. Taylor, Chief Justice of the State. Here his close application to study and marked evidence of ability attracted attention and his future eminence was predicted by his distinguished preceptor. He was admitted to the Bar in 1823. It was at this period that he became a member of the Masonic Fraternity—a membership which, after he became President of the University, he permitted to become merely nominal, believing that his position there required that he should not be a sitting member of any secret society. He received the appointment of Deputy Grand Master, from P. G. M. Wheeler, during his administration.

In 1824, Jan. 12, he married Eleanor White, daughter of Hon. Wm. White, late Secretary of State, and Grand-daughter of Gov. Caswell, and settled in Asheville where he commenced the practice of Law with unusual and flattering success. In the years '24, '25, '26, he represented the county in the Legislature. In '27, he was appointed Solicitor on the Edenton Circuit, but retained it only one term, resigning on account of his health, and resuming his practice in Buncombe. In 1830, he was a member of the Board of Internal Improvements and endeared himself greatly to the people of his district by the service he rendered in procuring a Turnpike to be built from the Tenn. line on the French Broad river to Greenville, S.C. This first opened to the world the fair and rich country west of the Blue Ridge and gave the first impulse to its growth and prosperity. In the winter of 1830, he was elected Judge of the Superior Court and served two years. In 1832, he was elected Governor of State, and in 1835, while still Governor was a member of the Convention to revise the constitution of the State. In Dec. 1835, he received the appointment to the Presidency of the State University, which office he retained till his death in 1868—a period of 33 years. Henceforth his life was identified with that of this Institution.

Thus far, Gov. Swain's reputation had been that of a hard-working and successful lawyer, and a shrewd and ambitious politican, much more remarkable for his knowledge of men than of books. The traits which had secured him success, were however, those especially needed in the management of his

new undertaking. When he went to Chapel Hill, there were not over ninety students in the Unversity. In 1860, there were nearly five hundred.

The new President possessed, in an eminent degree, constructive ability. He was a builder, and knew how to select his materials. He had very great insight into character and the power of influencing men to his measures, which were always prudent, cautious and far-reaching. He was ambitious for the University, and resolved to make it a power in the land, and he succeeded. No man was ever more successful than he in winning the confidence and affection of his pupils. He chose to adopt the parental attitude towards them and sought to govern by kindly influence rather than by fear. As years rolled on, and the impress of his ability, and of his guiding hand were more and more clearly discerned, public confidence in him and his colleagues, and approval of their administration, strengthened and grew, and the University of North Carolina became worthy of the great State to which it belonged, an Institution second to none in influence, members and reputation. And from year to year, Gov. Swain devoted himself to its best interests with an assiduity and singleness of purpose which it is affecting now to recall. For the things wherein men think they have done most to secure public gratitude, are often those that are most apt to be unrecognised and unappreciated.

For more than forty years, Gov. Swain was associated with the public life and the public men of North Carolina; for when he retired to the cloisters of her University, though he, at once and forever abandoned politics, yet, he by no means immured himself, or relinquished his hold upon, or interest in the outside world. He maintained a constant intercourse and an extensive correspondence with the prominent men of the day, in this, and other States, seeking always, and by every means to keep the University, as an object of interest before men's minds. As a public man himself, he was never an extremist on any question. He preached and practised the wariest moderation in all things, and so great was his reputation for prudence and sagacity that there was, perhaps no man in the State whose opinion and advice, were so often sought and followed. By his training and life long habits of thought he was a Conservative, and deeply attached to the old forms of Goverment, and to "the fathers." With most of the illustrious men who adorned our annals in this century, he was personally acquainted, and well versed in the family history of them all. Being gifted with a singularly tenacious memory, facts, anecdotes, dates and inter-marriages were never forgotten, and were always ready when called for. With the History of North Carolina, he had a more minute acquaintance than any man of his day, and had pursued his researches in it with the zeal of an antiquary and the affectionate interest of a son; and at his death had collected an immense mass of material for the historian, on which he proposed to employ the last years of his life.

The opening of the War found Gov. Swain a Union man, and strongly opposed to aggressive measures. Yet, as it progressed his deepest sympathies were for the South, and the manner in which it was conducted, and the very peculiar "Peace" which was inaugurated at its close, made him a more decided "Southerner" than ever before. He said he was never so near being a secessionist as in 1865.

During the war, all his energies were exerted to preserve the University alive. It was owing to his interference and influence with the Confederate authorities at Richmond that the Conscript-law was not rigidly enforced among the students till the year 1864; so that when the Federal Army took possession of Chapel Hill, in the Spring of '65, there were still a few boys left to keep up the name and forms of College. In order to avert from this Institution, the fate which had attended all others lying in the route of the conquering army, Gov. Swain was appointed one of the Commissioners sent by Gov. Vance to Gen. Sherman to treat for the surrender of the city of Raleigh. This expedition, and its entirely successful issue in preserving from plunder the Capital and the University of the State, Gov. Swain congratulated himself upon, as one of the most interesting and important events of his life.

Twice, by his own personal intervention and influence, he had saved the University from ruin by two opposing powers. Immediately after the surrender, he visited Washington City, as one of the Delegates sent from North Carolina to confer with President Johnson on the formation of a Provisional Government for the State. While there, the President appointed him one of the Board of Visitors to attend the annual examination at West Point.

After the establishment of Peace, Gov. Swain devoted himself with renewed energy to the restoration of the University to its former pride of place in the affections of our people. He found this a more difficult work than he had anticipated. The ground swell that succeeded the storm was too heavy. Southern people were too much prostrated, and the spirit of the political parties that sprang up, too bitter. Yet he struggled on hopefully and perseveringly. He visited Washington City and New York with the hope of interesting Northern capitalists in the financial condition of the University, and by the exercise of great influence, he secured to North Carolina the Landscrip donation from Congress for the establishment of an Agricultural school; and afterwards was mainly instrumental in inducing the State Legislature to make this grant over to the University. From this important aid to the shattered finances of the Institution, he hoped great things.

Just at this juncture, the general state elections in the Spring of 1868, having resulted in the adoption of a new Constitution, and the inauguration of a new Government, the immediate consequences to the University were the closing of its doors by negro troops, and the summary ejection of the venerable President and Professors from the chairs they had so long filled with honor and extended usefulness. This striking act of injustice and ingratitude told heavily on Gov. Swain. He seemed suddenly that summer to droop and grow old, losing the vivacity and elasticity which had always distinguished him.

Hoping to restore tone to body and mind before taking final leave of Chapel Hill, he was preparing for a visit to his native mountains in Buncombe. On the 11th of August 1868, riding in an open buggy, his horse took fright, and ran away, throwing him with violence to the ground. Aid was immediately at hand and he was taken home by his neighbors on a stretcher, being carried on the way, quite through the College grounds. It was the veteran's last look at the field.

On examination his injuries were found to be not very severe, and after a

week or two, he appeared to be in a fair way of recovery. His mind, however had been too deeply depressed, and there was a want of vital energy to second the favorable symptoms. On Thursday, the 27th Aug., sitting up too long, he suddenly became exhausted, fainted, and could not be revived. In spite of every application, he sank at once, and in a very few minutes breathed his last tranquilly, and without pain.

He had been, for many years, a communicant in the Presbyterian Church, and was at one time a ruling elder. His christian character was very decided. Naturally a man of very great amiability and kindness of heart, his religion developed these admirable traits. His charity towards all men and his forbearance under provocation were indeed singular. And, in his last days his hope was sustained and serene.

He was an excellent neighbor, deeply sympathizing in all the fortunes of those among whom he lived, always ready to help—genial—kindly—and playful. His conversation was exceedingly interesting, full of reminiscence and anecdote, and brightened with sudden "application," and sallies of humor. His own family trials and infirmities—more especially that of deafness which crept on him as years advanced—never shut up his heart in selfishness or gloom, nor lessened his enjoyment of social intercourse. He was eminently a lover of his kind.

He gave largely in support of the Church. His kindness to his neighbors in pecuniary matters, and his readiness to assist deserving young men in College who needed help, are not generally known, and would astonish many who, while, freely according him many excellencies would refuse to allow that he was liberal. He was careful of money, never ostentatious, and in all his habits preserved the strictest simplicity and plainness, but there are those who know that he knew how to give.

Gov. Swain was a true North Carolinian. He had a peculiar pride in his native State—in her history—her character—her reputation. This was apparent in even his sightest reference to her. All his life long, he studied her best interests, and omitted nothing that he could do to secure her honor and advantage. Where he failed in this, no man felt the failure more keenly than he;—in his success he exulted more for her than for himself.

Let North Carolina cherish his name, and the memory of his virtues, and his services, and remember him with gratitude as among the best of the many great and good men, who adorn and illustrate her Annals.

SUBORDINATE LODGES

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's,	1	Wilmington,	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart,	2	Halifax,	Halifax.
St. John's,	3	New Berne,	Craven.
Charity,	5	Windsor,	Bertie.
Unanimity,	7	Edenton,	Chowan.
Phœnix,	8	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Johnston Caswell,	10	Warrenton,	Warren.
American George,	17	Murfreesboro',	Hertford.
Phalanx,	31	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
Stokes,	32	Concord,	Cabarrus.
Wm. R. Davie,	37	Lexington,	Davidson.
Hiram,	40	Raleigh,	Wake.
Liberty,	45	Wilkesboro',	Wilkes.
King Solomon,	56	Jackson,	Northampton.
Concord,	58	Tarboro',	Edgecombe.
Perseverance,	59	Plymouth,	Washington.
Kilwinning,	64	Wadesboro',	Anson.
Eagle,	71	Hillsboro',	Orange.
Widow's Son,	75	Camden C. H.,	Camden.
Greensboro',	76	Greensboro',	Guilford.
Zion,	81	Trenton,	Jones.
Mount Moriah,	82	Statesville,	Iredell.
La Fayette,	83	Jacksonville,	Onslow.
Fellowship,	84	Smithfield,	Johnston.
Morning Star,	85	Nashville,	Nash.
Skewarkee,	90	Williamston,	Martin.
Western Star,	91	Rutherfordton,	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren,	92	Stantonsburg,	Wilson.
Jerusalem,	95	Hookerton,	Greene.
St. John's,	96	Kinston,	Lenoir.
Wake Forest,	97	Raleigh,	Wake.
Hiram,	98	Clinton,	Sampson.
Fulton,	99	Salisbury,	Rowan.
Warren,	101	Kenansville,	Duplin.
Columbus,	102	Pittsboro',	Chatham.
Orr,	104	Washington,	Beaufort.
Perquimans,	106	Hertford,	Perquimans.
Clinton,	107	Yanceyville,	Caswell.
Belmont,	108	Bear Swamp,	Duplin.
Franklin,	109	Beaufort,	Carteret.
Wayne,	112	Goldsboro',	Wayne.
Person,	113	Roxboro',	Person.
St. Albans,	114	Lumberton,	Robeson.
Holly Springs,	115	Holly Springs,	Wake.
Mt. Lebanon,	117	Wilson,	Wilson.
Mt. Hermon,	118	Asheville,	Buncombe.
Logan,	121	Jamestown,	Guilford.
Tuscarora,	122	Oxford,	Granville.
Franklinton,	123	Franklinton,	Franklin.
Clinton,	124	Louisburg,	Franklin.

NAME.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mill Creek,	125	Newton Grove,	Sampson.
Gatesville,	126	Gatesville,	Gates.
Blackmer,	127	Clark's Creek,	Montgomery.
Hanks,	128	Franklinsville,	Randolph.
Dan River,	129	Madison,	Rockingham.
Conoho,	131	Hamilton,	Martin.
Radiance,	132	Snow Hill,	Greene.
Alamance,	133	Graham,	Alamance.
Mocksville,	134	Mocksville,	Davie.
Black Rock,	135	Robeson's,	Brunswick.
Leaskville,	136	Leaksville,	Rockingham.
Lincoln,	137	Lincolnton,	Lincoln.
King Solomon,	138	Burgaw,	New Hanover.
Mount Energy,	140	Tranquillity,	Granville.
Carolina,	141	Ansonville,	Anson.
Cane Creek,	142	Snow Camp,	Alamance.
Mount Vernon,	143	Egypt,	Chatham.
Junaluskee,	145	Franklin,	Macon.
Cherokee,	146	Murphy,	Cherokee.
Palmyra,	147	Averasboro',	Harnett.
Adoniram,	149	Young's X Roads,	Granville.
Chalmers,	151	Carbonton,	Moore.
Scotch Ireland,	154	Rowan Mills,	Rowan.
White Stone,	155	Wakefield,	Wake.
Rolesville,	156	Rolesville,	Wake.
Mount Pleasant,	157	Roger's Store,	Wake.
Knap of Reeds,	158	Knap of Reeds,	Granville.
Rocky River,	159	Mud Lick,	Chatham.
Beaumont,	160	Beaumont,	Chatham.
Rock Rest,	161	Hadley's Mills,	Chatham.
Yadkin,	162	Yadkinsville,	Yadkin
Deep River,	164	Foust's Mills,	Randolph.
Archer,	165	Creechville,	Johnston.
Saint Paul's	166	Colvin's Creek,	Bladen.
Winston,	167	Winston,	Forsythe.
Pleasant Hill,	168	Patterson Store,	Alamance.
Blackner,	170	Reem's Creek,	Buncombe.
Delk,	171	Colerain,	Bertie.
Buffaloe,	172	Jonesboro',	Moore.
Union,	173	Kernersville,	Forsythe.
Geo. Washington,	174	Lassater's X Roads,	Chatham.
Mecklenburg,	176	Davidson College,	Mecklenburg.
Siloam,	178	Harrell's Store,	New Hanover.
La Fayette,	179	Leasburg,	Caswell.
Caldwell,	180	Chapel Hill,	Orange.
Carthage,	181	Carthage,	Moore.
Townesville,	182	Townesville,	Granville.
Centre Grove,	183	Hillsdale,	Guilford.
Jordan,	184	Reynoldson,	Gates.
Sandy Creek,	185	Louisburg,	Franklin.
Pine Forest,	186	Harrington,	Harnett.
Central Cross,	187	Peach Tree Grove,	Nash.
Balfour,	188	Ashboro',	Randolph.
Fair Bluff,	190	Fair Bluff,	Columbus.
Granite,	191	Clayton,	Johnston.
Burnsville,	192	Burnsville,	Yancey.
Mount Olivet,	195	Brower's Mills,	Randolph.
Falkland,	196	Falkland,	Pitt.
Cherokee,	197	Leaksville,	Rockingham.

NAME.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Carey,	198	Carey,	Wake.
High Point,	199	High Point,	Guilford.
Pisgah,	200	Hendersonville,	Henderson.
Eagle Rock,	201	Eagle Rock,	Wake.
Cleveland,	202	Shelby,	Cleveland.
Roanoke,	203	Weldon,	Halifax.
Berea,	204	Berea,	Granville.
Long Creek,	205	Hopewell,	Mecklenburg.
Mingo,	206	Blackman's Mills,	Sampson.
Lebanon,	207	Whiteville,	Columbus.
Mount Olive,	208	Mount Olive,	Wayne.
New Salem,	209	New Salem,	Randolph.
Enoe,	210	Durham's,	Orange.
Ashland,	211	Mount Airy,	Surry.
Industrial,	212	Company Shops,	Alamance.
Crane's Creek,	213	Crane's Creek,	Moore.
Richland,	214	Thomasville,	Davidson.
New Light,	215	New Light, (Wake co.,)	Granville.
Catawba Valley,	217	Morganton,	Burke.
Wm. G. Hill,	218	Raleigh,	Wake.
Jefferson,	219	Jefferson,	Ashe.
Stokesburg,	220	Walnut Cove,	Stokes.
Webster,	222	Elevation,	Johnston.
Tabernacle,	223	Gilmer's Store,	Guilford.
County Line,	224	County Line,	Davie.
Haw River,	225	Summerfield,	Guilford.
Wilson,	226	Olin,	Iredell.
Jonesville,	227	Jonesville,	Yadkin.
McCormick,	228	Jonesboro',	Moore.
Henderson,	229	Henderson,	Granville.
Corinthian,	230	Rocky Mount,	Edgecombe.
Wm. T. Bain,	231	Holland's,	Wake.
Gunter,	232	Haywood,	Chatham.
Lenoir,	233	Lagrange,	Lenoir.
Anchor,	234	Auburn,	Wake.
Cokesbury,	235	Chalk Level,	Harnett.
Mount Zion,	236	St. Lawrence,	Chatham.
Mystic Tie,	237	Marion,	McDowell.
Atlantic,	238	Currituck C. H.,	Currituck.
Nahunta,	239	Nahunta,	Wayne.
Wiccacon,	240	Harrellsville,	Hertford.
Oscilla,	241	Tally Ho,	Granville.
Loch Lomond,	242	Floral College,	Robeson.
Rountree,	243	Contentnea Neck,	Lenoir.
Monroe,	244	Monroe,	Union.
New Berne,	245	New Berne,	Craven.
Elmwood,	246	Greensboro',	Guilford.
Mount Hermon,	247	Curtis' Mills,	Alamance.
Catawba,	248	Newton,	Catawba.
Pythagoras,	249	Smithville,	Brunswick.
Shiloh,	250	Sassafras Fork,	Granville.
Rockford,	251	Rockford,	Surry.
Holly Grove,	252	Holly Grove,	Gates.
Lee,	253	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
Mount Bethel,	254	Summerfield, (Guilford.)	Rockingham.
Oaks,	255	Oaks,	Orange.
Trinity,	256	Trinity College,	Randolph.
J B. Person,	257	Beulah,	Johnston.
Harnett,	258	Raleigh,	Harnett.

NAME.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Waynesville,	259	Waynesville,	Haywood.
Centre Hill,	260	Edenton,	Chowan.
Excelsior,	261	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
High Brighton,	262	Lenoir,	Caldwell.
Gaston,	263	Dallas,	Gaston.
Coble,	264	Brick Church,	Guilford.
Farmington,	265	Farmington,	Davie.
Durbin,	266	Blockersville,	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock,	267	Brevard,	Transylvania.
Unaka,	268	Webster,	Jackson.
East Bend,	269	East Bend,	Yadkin.
Builders,	270	Friendship,	Guilford.
Tabasco,	271	Gibsonville,	Guilford.
Mebaneville,	272	Mebaneville,	Alamance.
Watauga,	273	Boon,	Watauga.
St. Patrick's,	274	Boon Hill,	Johnston.
Manuel Fetter,	275	Moringsville,	Chatham.
Beaver Dam,	276	Monroe,	Union.
Green Level,	277	Green Level,	Wake.
Colesville,	278	Colesville,	Stokes.
Rehoboth,	279	Teachey's	Duplin.
Sapona,	280	Pittsboro',	Chatham.
Rich'd Wat. York,	281	Hanks Chapel,	Chatham.
Forestville,	282	Forestville,	Wake.
Eureka,	283	China Grove,	Rowan.
Greenville,	284	Greenville,	Pitt.
Flat Creek,	285	Moffitt's Mills,	Randolph.
Castalia,	286	Castalia,	Nash.
Blue,	287	Carthage,	Moore.
Eureka,	288	Company Shops,	Alamance.
Salem,	289	Salem,	Forsythe.
Germanton,	290	Germanton,	Stokes.
Rich Land Creek,	291	Moffitt's Mills,	Randolph.
French Broad,	292	Marshall,	Madison.
Vance,	293	Stocksville,	Buncombe.
Atlantic,	294	Swan Quarter,	Hyde.
Bladen,	295	Elizabethtown,	Bladen.
Stonewall,	296	Robesonville,	Martin.
Little River,	297	Little River Academy,	Cumberland.
Edgecombe,	298	Joyner's Depot, (Wilson co.)	Edgecombe.
Hunting Creek,	299	Eagle Mills,	Iredell.
Pamplico,	300	Aurora,	Beaufort.
Clay,	301	Hayesville,	Clay.

No. 292 to 301, both inclusive, were chartered at the Annual Communication of 1869.

NOTE.—In some instances, Post-Offices of Lodges are located in counties adjoining those in which the Lodges are situated.

RETURNS

FROM THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1.

WILMINGTON.—Time of Regular Communications, the last Thursday in each and every month, provided that when the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, shall fall upon the last Thursday in December, the regular meeting of that month shall be held on the Wednesday immediately preceding.

OFFICERS:

HORACE H. MUNSON,...W.M.
T. M. GARDNER.....S. W.
RAPHAEL GREENBERG,..J. W.
F. G. ROBINSON,.....Treas.
W. M. POISSON,.....Secr'y.
M. M. HAWKINS,.....S. D.
LEE J. WAGNER,.....J. D.
DANIEL F. SAVAGE,..Ste'wd.
ABRAM WRONSKI,...Ste'wd.
GEO. W. SEALEY,....Tiler.
GEO. PATTERSON,....Chap.

MEMBERS:

James Alderman, W. S. Anderson, W. N. Bowden, James O. Bowden, H. M. Bowden, D. E. Bunting, A. O. Bradley, Alex. Boone, B. G. Bates, J. F. Bishop, C. R. Banks, P. M., J. L. Boatwright, S. N. Cannon, T. B. Carr, Miles Costin, A. J. Costin, J. M. Clark, J. L. Cantwell, J. Cox, W. J. Corbett, W. A. Cumming, P. Cumming, D. S. Cowan, T. A. Durant, W. W. Drew, P. W. Fanning, P. G. M., J. J. Gay, G. Gilbert, H. D. Gilbert, A. A. Hartsfield, P. M., G. F. Horning, E. Hewlett, A. Hewlett, W. N. Holt, J. M. Henderson, T. M. Harriss, J. N. Hinton, E. D. Hall, J. F. Heins, W. Hirsh, N. T. Harriss, M. W. Hilburn, J. J. Hedrick, A. J. Howell, Geo. Harriss, W. W. Harriss, B. J. Jacobs, Richard J. Jones, Wm. G. Jones, T. H. Johnson, G. W. Jewett, M. M. Katz, Oliver Kelley, W. H. Kelley, S. King, W. Kinyoun, W. J. King, M. R. Kohnstamn, B. F. Keith, Jacob Lyon, L. B. Lyons, D. A. Lamont, Wm.

Larkins, A. Martin, P. G. M., J. W. Monroe, W. M. Monroe, A. T. McCallum, W. G. MacRae, K. McKenzie, J. L. Myers, Geo. Morrison, Thos. Morrison, R. Morrison, F. A. McMillian, Wm. Munford, T. J. Mulford, W. H. McDowell, E. W. Manning, J. S. McCallum, W. H. Murray, J. S. Melvin, Sam'l Northrop, W. H. Northrop, D. J. Nixon, C. W. Oldham, J. C. Oates, W. J. Price, W. N. Peden, W. H. Petteway, I. D. Ryttenberg, H. H. Roberts, T. E. Roberts, J. S. Robinson, C. H. Robinson, Joseph Rice, J. B. Russell. A. Paul Repiton, S. Solomon, J. A. Stanly, J. H. Savage, H. Spalding, E. Shuback, E. Turlington, J. D. Taylor, M. P. Taylor, J. A. Taylor, John Utley, W. Watters, T. A. Watson, Thos. J. Williams, A. M. Waddell, S. D. Wallace, E. Wescott, J. T. Wescott, J. W. Woolvin, Jesse Wilder, S. W. Vick, C. M. Vanorsdel, J. W. Zimmerman.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 3.

NEWBERN.—Time of Regular Communications Second and Fourth, Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

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WM. DUNN,	S. W.	T. A. GREEN,	S.D.
J. J. HOWARD,	J. W.	E. B. ROBERTS,	J. D.
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CHARITY LODGE, No. 5.

WINDSOR.—Time of Regular Communications, first Monday in each month, and 24th of June and 27th of December.

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UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 7.

EDENTON.—Time of Regular Communications: the first and third Tuesday nights in each month, and Monday night of Superior Court week, and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and the Evangelist.

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PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 8.

Fayetteville.—Time of Regular Communciations on the first and third Fridays in each month, at early candle light.

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JOHNSON CASWELL LODGE, No. 10.

WARRENTON.—Time of Regular Communications: second Thursday in each month, and Tuesday evening of each Superior Court.

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AMERICAN GEORGE LODGE, No. 17.

MURFREESBORO.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday night of each month.

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PHALANX LODGE, No. 31.

Charlotte.—Time of Regular Communications: second and fourth Monday nights in each month.

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STOKES LODGE, No. 32.

CONCORD.—Time of Regular Communications: the last Friday in every month; the Tuesday of Court week; and the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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W. R. DAVIE LODGE, No. 37.

LEXINGTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night preceding each full moon, and the anniversaries of St. John, the Baptist, and St. John, the Evangelist.

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HIRAM LODGE, No. 40.

RALEIGH.—Time of Regular Communications: third Monday evening of each month.

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LIBERTY LODGE, No. 45.

Wilkesboro.—Time of Regular Communications: on or before the full moon in each and every month, and on Tuesday nights in each and every Court week, and the festivals of St. John, the Baptist, and St. John, the Evangelist.

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KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 56.

Jackson.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday evening in each month.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 58.

Tarboro.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month, and on the festivals of St. John, the Baptist, and St. John, the Evangelist.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 59.

PLYMOUTH.—Time of Regular Communications: first Tuesday in each month.

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KILWINNING LODGE, No. 64.

WADESBORO.—Time of Regular Communications: second Monday in each month.

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EAGLE LODGE, No. 71.

HILLSBORO'.—Time of Regular Communications: first Friday in every month, and Tuesday of each Superior Court.

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WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 75.

CAMDEN C. H.—Time of Regular Communications: on the third Saturday in every month, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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GREENSRORO' LODGE, No. 76.

Greensboro.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday night in every month, Tuesday night of Superior Court, anniversaries of Sts. John the Baptist and the Evangelist.

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ZION LODGE, No. 81.

Trenton.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in every month; also, on the anniversary days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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Mt. MORIAH LODGE, No. 82.

Statesville.—Time of Regular Communications: second Friday night of each month; Tuesday nights of Court week, and the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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LaFAYETTE LODGE, No. 83.

Jacksonville.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month.

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FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 84.

Smithfield.—Time of Regular Cammunications: the second Saturday in each month, and the anniversary days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 85.

NASHVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday of each month.

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SKEWARKEY LODGE, No. 90.

WILLIAMSTON.—Time of Regular Communications: second Tuesday and fourth Saturday in each month.

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WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 91.

RUTHERFORDTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Monday night on or before each full moon; on Tuesday night of each Court week, and on the festivals of the Sts. Johns.

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JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, No. 92.

STANTONSBURG.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 95.

Hookerton.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in every month.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 96.

KINSTON.—Time of Regular Communications: second Wednesday of each month, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; fourth Wednesday of each month at candle light.

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COLUMBUS LODGE, No. 102.

Pittsboro'.—Time of Regular Communications: first Tuesday night in each month; first Tuesday night of Superior Court, and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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CLINTON LODGE, No. 107.

YANCEYVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month, except the months of June and December, then on the 24th of June and the 27th of December. Also on Tuesday of each Superior Court.

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PERSON LODGE, No. 113.

ROXBORO.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month, and Tuesday night of each Court week.

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HOLLY SPRINGS LODGE, No. 115.

HOLLY SPRINGS.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before fourth Sunday in each month, except June and December, and then on the 24th of June and the 27th of December.

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MT. LEBANON LODGE, No. 117.

WILSON.—Time of Regular Communications: second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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Mt. HERMON LODGE, No. 118.

Asheville.—Time of Regular Communications, Thursday night on or before each full moon, and on the 24th June and 27th December.

OFFICERS:

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LOGAN LODGE, No. 121.

Jamestown.—Time of Regular Communications, First Saturday evening after the first full Moon in each month, and on the 24th June and 27th of December. Except when it falls on Saturday then on that night.

OFFICERS:

Jas. A. Gray,.....W. M.	W. G. Sapp,..... ...Sec'ry.
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TUSCARORA LODGE, No. 122.

Oxford.—Time of Regular Communications, first Monday in each month except December, then on the 2d Monday. Summer 7½ o'clock, P. M., Winter 6 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

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Jos. Hobgood,.....J. W.	Jno. G. Jones,.....Ste'wd.
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FRANKLINTON LODGE, No. 123.

Franklinton.—Time of Regular Communications, second and last Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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Resident Masons not Members:—W. A. Barrett, J. W. Wellons.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 124.

Louisburg.—Time of Regular Communications: the first Thursday night of every month.

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Chas. M. Cooke,.....	J. W.	N. B. Walker,.....	Ste'wd.
Jas. J. Minetree,.....	Treas.	B. F. Greenwood,...	Ste'wd.
B. P. Clifton,.....	Sec'ry.	Robt. W. Stallings,...	Tiler.

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Resident Masons not Members.—Jos. J. Harper, F. H. Jarman, Rev. P. D. Thompson, Jas. N. Uzzle, Wm. P. Williams.

MILL CREEK LODGE, No. 125.

Near Newton Grove.—Time of Regular Communications, the first Friday in each month, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICERS:

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Marshal Lee, ...J. W.
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Jno. C. Hood, ... Sec'ry.
S. W. Blackman, ...S. D.
Jno. Harper, ...J. D.
N. K. Thornton, ...Ste'wd.
Jesse Sumerlin, ...Ste'wd.
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Jno. J. Harper, ...Chap.

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GATESVILLE LODGE, No. 126.

Gatesville.—Time of Regular Communications: first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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R. J. Williams, ...S. W.
Jno. F. Cross, ...J. W.
R. P. Hayes, ...Treas.
G. J. Costen, ...Sec'ry.
T. A. Brown, ...S. D.
Geo. W. Hayes, ...J. D.
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Mills Riddick, ...Tiler.

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BLACKMER LODGE, No. 127.

Clarke's Creek.—Time of Regular Communications: on Friday before the full moon in every month.

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HANKS LODGE, No. 128.

FRANKLINSVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Third Friday night in each month, except June and December then on the Festivals of Sts. John the Baptist and the Evangelist.

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R. WRIGHT,	J. W.	J. L. COBLE,	Ste'wd.
M. LEONARD,	Treas.	J. H. DUPREE,	Ste'wd.
J. W. BEAN,	Sec'ry.	A. M. INGOLD,	Tiler.

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CONOHO LODGE, No. 151.

HAMILTON.—Time of Regular Communications: first Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

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J. W. HOWELL,	Treas.	W. W. GARDNER,	Tiler.

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RADIANCE LODGE, No. 132.

Snow Hill—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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G. F. MDail,	Treas.	N. Edwards,	Stew'd.
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Resident Masons not Members:—Dr. John Harvey, B. H. Smith, J. Sugg, John O. Swindell, Thomas P. Ricand, Swift Galloway.

ALAMANCE LODGE, No. 133.

Graham.—Time of Regular Communications: first Tuesday night of each month and Tuesday night of each Superior Court.

OFFICERS:

L. H. Wood,.....W. M. W. A. Albright,.....Sec'ry.
J. K. Ruffin,.....S. W. J. L. Scott,.....S. D.
J. T. McAdams,.... .J. W. John P. Longest,.....J. D.
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MOCKSVILLE LODGE, No. 134.

Mocksville.—Time of Regular Communications: third Friday evening in each month and Tuesday night of each Court week.

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BLACK ROCK LODGE, No. 135.

Black Rock Academy.—Time of Regular Communications: last Saturday in each month at 2 o'clock, P. M. and on St. Johns day, 24th June.

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LEAKSVILLE LODGE, No. 136.

LEAKSVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night preceding each full moon.

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LINCOLN LODGE, No. 137.

LINCOLNTON.—Time of Regular Communications: fiirst Friday night in every month, Sts'. John's days, and Monday night of Court week.

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KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 138.

Lillington.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday of each month.

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MOUNT ENERGY LODGE, No. 140.

TRANQUILLITY.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday of every month, 2 o'clock P. M., and on the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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CAROLINA LODGE, No. 141.

ANSONVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: on Friday after every full moon, and the festivals of Sts. John the Baptist and Evangelist.

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CANE CREEK LODGE, No. 142.

Clover Orchard.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday night after the full Moon in each and every month.

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Mt. VERNON LODGE, No. 143.

Mt. Vernon Springs—Post Office, Egypt Station.—Time of Regular Communications : Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month.

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JUNALUSKEE LODGE, No. 145.

Franklin.—Time of Regular Communications first : and third Tuesday nights of every month.

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CHEROKEE LODGE, No. 146.

Murphy.—Time of Regular Communications: second and fourth Monday nights in each month.

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PALMYRA LODGE, No. 147.

Averasboro.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month and the Sts. John days.

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ADONIRAM LODGE, No. 149.

YOUNG'S CROSS ROADS.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month.

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CHALMERS LODGE, No. 151.

CARBONTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday

after each full Moon, and the Anniversaries of the Saints John.

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SCOTCH IRELAND LODGE, No. 154.

Rowan Mills.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday on or before each full Moon, and Saints Johns' days.

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Resident Masons not Members.—E. P. Hall, —— Clark, —— Clark.

WHITE STONE LODGE, No. 155.

WAKEFIELD.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month, at eleven o'clock.

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ROLESVILLE LODGE, No. 156.

ROLESVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in every month.

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MT. PLEASANT LODGE, No. 157.

ROGERS' STORE.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the first Sunday of each month, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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KNAP OF REEDS LODGE, No. 158.

KNAP OF REEDS.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the third Sunday in every month, and the 27th of December.

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BEAUMONT LODGE, No. 160.

BEAUMONT.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday evening preceding each full Moon.

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ROCK REST LODGE, No. 161.

BROWN'S CHAPEL.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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YADKIN LODGE, No. 162.

YADKINVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday night after each full Moon, Tuesday night of Superior Court, and on Saints Johns' days.

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St. PAUL'S LODGE, No. 166.

Beattie's Bridge.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the second Sunday in each month.

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WINSTON LODGE, No. 167.

Winston.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday of each month, and on Tuesday night of Court week.

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PLEASANT HILL LODGE, No. 168.

P. C. Smiths'.—Time of Regular Communications: the first Saturday in every month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

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BLACKMER LODGE, No. 170.

Reem's Creek.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday at 2 o'clock, P. M., on or before each full Moon, and on the Anniversaries of the Saints John.

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DELK LODGE, No. 171.

Coleraine.—Time of Regnlar Communications: Saturday before the first Sunday in each month.

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BUFFALO LODGE, No. 172.

JONESBORO'.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month.

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UNION LODGE, No. 173.

KERNERSVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night before the full Moon in every month.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 174.

Lasater's X Roads.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the first Sabbath in each month.

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MECKLENBURG LODGE, No. 176.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday of every month, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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SILOAM LODGE, No. 178.

HARREL'S STORE.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month, except in June and December, and then on the Anniversaries of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

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LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 179.

LEASBURG.—Time of Regular Communications: Thursday night before each full Moon, and Sts. Johns days.

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CALDWELL LODGE, No. 180.

CHAPEL HILL.—Time of Regular Communications: monthly, on the Saturday preceding the full Moon.

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CARTHAGE LODGE, No. 181.

CARTHAGE.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month.

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TOWNESVILLE LODGE, No. 182.

TOWNESVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday of each month, and on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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CENTRE GROVE LODGE, No. 183.

HILLSDALE, P. O.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month, except September and October in which there will be two Communications, viz: before the first and second Sabbaths, with the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 184.

REYNOLDSON.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in every month, and Anniversaries of the Saints Johns, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICERS:

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SANDY CREEK LODGE, No. 185.

LAUREL.—Time of Regular Commuuications: first Saturday in each and every month.

OFFICERS:

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PINE FOREST LODGE, No. 186.

Harrington.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in every month.

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CENTRAL CROSS LODGE, No. 187.

PEACH TREE GROVE.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month, and on the Anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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BALFOUR LODGE, No. 188.

ASHEBORO'.—Time of Regular Communications: on Friday night before each full Moon, and Wednesday night of each Court week.

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FAIR BLUFF LODGE, No. 190.

Fair Bluff.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday evening in every month, and on the 27th of December.

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BURNSVILLE LODGE, No. 192.

BURNSVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Thursday night before each full Moon, and once on the Festivals of the Saints John and Tuesday night of each Superior Court.

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MT. OLIVET LODGE, No. 195.

CROSS ROADS, RANDOLPH CO.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night before each and every full Moon, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

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Resident Masons not Members :—Logan McMoffitt, William Yow.

CHEROKEE LODGE, No. 197.

Stoneville, N. C.—Time of Regular Communications : on the fourth Saturday in each month.

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CAREY LODGE, No. 198.

Carey.—Time of Regular Communications : Saturday preceding the second Sabbath in each month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

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EAGLE ROCK LODGE, No. 201.

Eagle Rock.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each and every month.

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CLEVELAND LODGE, No. 202.

Shelby.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the first Monday in each month.

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ROANOKE LODGE, No. 203.

WELDON.—Time of Regular Communications: the first Thursday in each month, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICERS:

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—T. L. Emry

BEREA LODGE, No. 204.

TAR RIVER ACADEMY.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, and on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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Resident Masons not Members.—Wm. A. Gill, Wm. Daniel, Samuel Hobgood.

LONG CREEK LODGE, No. 205.

Hopewell.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

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A. H. Alexander, N. S. Alexander, W. D. Alexander, G. W. Alexander, S. T. Abernathy, B. F. Brown, B. V. Beal, W. G. Barnett, R. E. Bell, H. Caldwell, John Caldwell, J. C. Cochran, R. L. DeArmon, W. S. M. Davidson, S. A. Douglas, B. S. Ferrell, W. S. P. Hunter, J. M. Houston, W. B. Harry, J. F. Harry, John Henderson, J. S. Henderson, Jas. Hastings, A. R. Henderson, R. B. B. Houston, R. V. Kerns, J. S. Kirksey, S. J. McElroy, T. N. McNeely, N. Monteith, R. M. Martin, J. B. McGee, E. M. Puckett, J. W. Sample, J. M. Sample, S. Sifford, Rev. S. C. Pharr, E. A. Sample, S. J. Stuart, W. B. Sloan, S. D. Whitley, R. D. Whitley, J. Woodsides, James T. White.

MINGO LODGE, No. 206.

Blackman's Mills.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Kenion Barefoot,	W. M.	Wm. Daughtry,	S. D.
Jesse Wilson,	S. W.	Clifton Ward,	J. D.
Samson Warren,	J. W.	David B. Dawson,	Stew'd.
Isaiah McPhail,	Treas.	Wm. R. Holmes,	Stew'd.
Robinson Ward,	Sec'ry.	Bright Bass,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

John A. Butler, Grey Culbreth, John Culbreth, John Dudley, Eli Dudley, Hardy H. Draughon, James C. Draughon, John L. Daniel, Josiah Hudson, A. T. Herring, Joel Jackson, P. M., Josiah Jernigan, Rufus A. Jackson, Marshal O. Jackson, Bud. Jernigan, Wm. A. Jackson, Kilba Lassiter, Lemon H. Lee, Daniel Lockmany, Batt Lee, Erasmus Lee, David Lee, Wm. R. Lee, Daniel McDonald, James D. Maloy, A. B. Parker, John A. Strickland, J. J. Tew, W. H. Warren, Willie West, Jas. C. Williams, David C. Young.

Resident Masons not Members.—John N. Jackson.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 207.

Whiteville.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month, at candle light.

OFFICERS:

H. C. Rockwell,	W. M.	Jno. H. Maxwell,	S. D.
W. J. Taylor,	S. W.	R. T. Joyner,	J. D.
C. C. Gore,	J. W.	Mills Howell,	Stew'd.
Jno. H. Summersett,	Treas.	A. McCallum,	Stew'd.
John S. Frink,	Sec'ry.	McI. Young,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

U. F. Boswell, R. D. Best, M. A. Byrne, J. F. Butler, D. M. Butler, J. B. Brooks, A. I. Butner, J. S. Cox, W. H. Chancy, J. Willis Council, Wm. T. Frink, Samuel Frink, Jabezh Frink, Wm. S. Frink, G. P. Formyduval, J. M. M. Gore, J. C. C. Gore, A. M. Gore, Wm. E. Gore, H. Gore, Rev. D. N. Gore, John H. Gore, F. George, James High, D. P. High, S. E. Hughes, F. D.

Hughes, Wm. Holt, S. B. Jennings, Jno. R. Jackson, Heinyard Long, J. A. Lumsden, R. M. McRacken, Neill McPhaul, Moses McKethan, Elias Newman, E. H. Paul, I. H. Powell, W. W. Pate, H. W. Penny, J. Parganstacker, N. J. Plummer, John W. Rouce, Jr., H. H. Robbins, J. M. Reaves, Wm. J. Stanly, Jos. H. Stanly, J. H. M. Stanly, J. P. Stanly, R. D. Sessions, A. G. Smith, Caleb Spivy, Wm. H. Toon, T. K. Wiggins, M. M. Walker, Edward White, Luke I. Yates, V. V. Richardson, J. B. Stanly.

Resident Masons not Members:—Isaac Jackson, T. S. Memory, H. C. Moffitt, N. Carroll, John Hall, J. A. Thompson, H. A. Malphers, J. Haskett, B. W. Smith, R. S. Richardson, W. Q. Maultsby.

Mt. OLIVE LODGE, No. 208.

Mt. Olive.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the second Sabbath in each month, except June and December, and on the Anniversaries of the Holy Saints John.

OFFICERS:

Joseph B. Oliver,....	W. M.	R. C. Broadhurst,....	S. D.
Alex. S. Davis,.....	S. W.	L. G. Pearsall,.....	J. D.
G. M. Roberts,.....	J. W.	D. K. Kornegay,....	Stew'd.
Jesse T. Albritton,..	Treas.	J. P. Sutton,.....	Stew'd.
Wm. Vernon,.....	Sec'ry.	F. O. Wilson,.... ...	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Jno. T. Albritton, Wm. G. Broadhurst. J. W. Budd, David Cogdell, Jesse Flowers, E. J. Hines, D. G. Jennett, O. W. Sutton, J. P. Sutton.

Resident Masons not Members:—John E. Becton, Jesse Bizzell, G. B. Buchan, Henry Broadhurst, David Cobb, John Cameron, Cullen Flowers, Dan'l Glisson, A. R. Hicks, C. F. R. Kornegay, Giles Kornegay, Samuel Loftin, Joel Loftin, John H. Loftin, Alllen Manly, J. A. Shine, S. J. Wolf, G. B. Watson, J. C. Eason.

NEW SALEM LODGE, No. 209.

New Salem.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night after each full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Dr. W. A. Woollen,	W. M.	James Lewis,	S. D.
Jas. E. Walker,	S. W.	James R. McGhee,	J. D.
Jas. N. Caudle,	J. W.	Joseph Redding,	Stew'd.
T. C. Fentress,	Treas.	Wm. Branson,	Stew'd.
F. N. Ingold,	Sec'ry.	S. G. Henly,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

N. F. Andrews, B. W. Burkhead, W. H. Ballentine, Wm. Brown, Rev Jos. Causey, O. P. Cox, R. L. Causey, Dr. W. Coble, Eli Coble, D W. Coletrane, S. H. Cusey, Robt., Coble, K. Craven, Jesse Coletrane, Wm. Cummings, E. M. Cook, Thos. Dougan, D. B. Davis, W. A. Dougan, S. C. Fox, W. P. Fruit, J. N. Farlow, R. A. Glenn, J. C. Gregson, S. F. Gladstone, Franklin Gardner, Meban Henshaw, Jesse S. Henley, R. R. Hanner, J. C. Harris, P. H. Henley, Jas. M. Henshaw, N. C. Jarrell, A. F. Jones, R. C. Johnson, Manliff Jerrell, E. B. Lineberry, Samuel Lineberry, Derastus Lewis, A. L. Lamb, G. V. Lamb, Madison Lockey, James Lewis, Benj. Millikan, Julian Miller, H. R. Mckinney, Thos. Newly, W. P. Osborne, J. W. Pugh, A. S. Ross, Watson Redding, B. N. Smith. M. B. Skeen, T. S. Swaim, W. L. Staley, David Teague, M. M. Teague, Jonathan Vickrey, S. W. Washington, S. W. Wall.

ENO LODGE, No. 210.

Durham.—Time of Regular Communications: on the fourth Saturday of each month, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

James E. Lyon,	W. M.	A. B. Couch,	Treas.
Thomas B. Morris,	S. W.	D. C. Gunter,	Sec'ry.
W. Y. Phipps,	J. W.	J. C. Lyon,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

G. Barbee, W. Boles, A. J. Carroll, J. N. Cheek, P. A. Copley, W. J. H. Durham, W. J. Duke, T. J. Davis, W. Duke, J. Elliott, J. W. Ferrell, F. C. Greer, W. G. Guess, A. B. Gunter, W. E. Glenn, J. B. Gates, W. P. Hampton, J. Hall, D. C. Haliburton, W. Haliburton, S. D. Hall, W. N. Hicks, W. A. Jenkins, S. Jenkins, Z. J. Lyon, J. C. McCowan, R. F. Morris, H. Marcomb, C. G. Marcomb, H. Massey, A. D. Marcom, L. Nichols, B. Y. Rogers, A. C. Roberts, S. Shepherd, H. H. Sims, W. M. Suggs, C. P. Trice, J. W. Wiggins, H. Weatherspoon.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—J. A. McMannen, D. C. Parish, B. C. Hopkins, W. T. Blackwell, J. R. Day, Thomas Hicks, H. C. McCader.

ASHLAND LODGE, No. 211.

MT. AIRY.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday after full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

R. R. GALLAWAY,.....W. M.
JAMES S. HILL,.....S. W.
JOHN L. WORTH,..... J. W.
HENRY SPARGER,.....Treas.
THOMAS W. PRATHER,.Sec'ry.
SAM'L. H. TAYLOR,.....S. D.
JOHN W. RAWLEY,.....J. D.
C. L. BANNER,.....Stew'd.
B. Y. GRAVES,.....Stew'd.
YANCEY JONES,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

M. D. Armfield, Martin Armfield, H. W. Adkins, L. W. Ashby, W. M. Banner, W. O. Banner, W. O. T. Banner, M. R. Banner, E. H. Banner, John Banner, John E. Banner, John M. Brower, Warren Bolt, Forrester Booker, G. H. Booker, H. C. Booker, Jos. H. Bitting, Jeremiah Davis, John Denny, Aron Fulk, Samuel Forkner, Mordecai Fleming, W. G. Foy, Wm. Griffith, John S. Green, Wm. Golden, Wm. Haymore, Daniel Haymore, W. D. Haymore, W. M Hall, Joseph Hollinsworth, W. R. Hollinsworth, David Hall, W. M. Hicks, J. W. Jackson, A. H. Kopp, J. B Kingsbury, E. E. Kingsbury, Geo. W. Lampkin, Frank Lovell, J. H. Lewellen, G. A. Low, John Minter, J. M. Marshall, T. J. Mitchell, W. A. Mitchell, W. H. Mitchell, Henry Pell, R. P. Rawley, Wm. Rawley, Wm. Sparger, James Sparger, Wm. A. Sparger, Daniel Stultz, Thomas Smith, John Snow, John Sutterfield, W. B. Simpson, Benj. Taylor Job Worth, David Worth, Giles Whitaker, L. T. Whitlock, J. W. Whittington, John R. Patterson, Mat. C. Moore, M. L. Wood, C. W. Lewis, J. J. Taylor, Wm. Hatcher, J. M. Davis.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—James C. Norman, John H. Thore, W. C. Banner, J. H. Blakemore.

INDUSTRIAL LODGE, No. 212.

COMPANY SHOPS.—Time of Regular Communications: first Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

Thos. Tate,	W. M.	J. C. Holt,	Sec'ry.
W. D. Faucett	S. W.	C. Klueppelberg,	S. D.
G. D. Boon,	J. W.	Jas. A. Turrentine,	J. D.
W. A. Truitt,	Treas.	Thos. Truitt,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. P. Adams, D. C. Bobo, L. H. Boon, W. R. Blake, L. S. Boon, Joseph Chrisman, Jos. Cropper, C. Davis, J. Fix, Jr., J. G. Garrison, John W. Graves, P. R. King, Moses Levett, James T. Long, John A. Moore, P. M., James R. Murphy, Thomas Nance, John W. Rippy, S. J. Strickland, B. E. Sergeant, W. A. Strayhorn, Edward Teague, W. H. Turrentine, W. C. Tarpley, R. D. Wade, Thomas Williams, E. M. Wheeler, John A. Wilson.

Resident Masons not Member:—Emery Burns.

RICHLAND LODGE, No. 214.

Thomasville.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night before the first full moon in each month, and on the anniversaries of the Holy Saints John.

OFFICERS:

R. W. Thomas,	W. M.	J. M. Shelly	S. D.
G. P. Dodson,	S. W.	J. R. Keen,	J. D.
D. W. C. Johnson,	J. W.	J. L. Mendenhall,	Ste'wd.
J. Rothrock,	Treas.	T. A. Jones,	Ste'wd.
H. C. Thomas,	Sec'ry.	Job Culbreth,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

A. G. Boggs, Alex. Conrad, P. C. Cates, J. C. Codner, P. M., C. C. Dodson, G. L. Darr, W. W. Fife, A. Fuller, A. Grimes, Robert Gray, G. W. Howerton, J. T. Hambrick, P. M., J. T. Kerans, T. W. Keen, J. Kanoy, J. H. Lambeth, Jacob Lookabill, D. S. Lambeth, David Loftin, J. A. Leach, George Lines, Jno. W. Lewis J. A. Long, G. H. Lee, W. L. Miller, W. T. Moore, Alexander McRary, A. M. McAuley, R. A. Moore, A. M. Pugh, J. R. Pugh, A. Perrryman, C. H. Phillips, J. M. Perry, Isham Riggans, W. E. Robinson, W. W. Shelly, J. Stone, R. L. Surratt, J. W. Thomas, J. Wesley Thomas, E. Thompson, P. C. Thomas, L L. Thomas, E. S. Veach, S. L. J. Veach, S. M. Whitaker, Wm. A. Hannah, J. W. Jones, B. C. Lambeth

NEW LIGHT LODGE, No. 215.

NEW LIGHT.—Time of Regular Commuications: Third Saturday in each month, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

B. WALKER,.....W. M. ALLEN BAILEY,.....S. D.
W. D. BAILEY, ...S. W. ROBT. GARNER,.....J. D.
D. D. BAILEY,.....J. W. JAS. D. GRISSOM,....Ste'wd.
J. Z. ALLEN,.....Treas. WILLIS SMITH,.....Ste'wd.
JNO. J. BOBBITT,. .....Sec'ry. J. F. DILLIARD,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

E. Grissom, A. L. Davis, D. W. Fuller, J. R. Jones, G. M. Bragg, J. S. Bailey, C. M. Rogers, R. Tharrington, W. J. Mangum, T. M. Tharrington, G. W. Lowry, W. Tharrington, J. F. Davis, Jas. G. Clay, W. C. Mangum, W. E. H. Davis. E. Haswell, B. H. Davis, Jos. B. Sheron, W. W. Holden, T. Lowry.

CATAWBA VALLEY LODGE, No. 217.

MORGANTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Full moon in each month, first Tuesday of Burke Courts, and on the festivals of the Holy Saints John. When the full moon occurs on Sunday, the communication will be held on the Monday following.

OFFICERS:

W. J. BEAN,.....W. M. J. A. CLAYWELL,....Sec'ry.
JESSE H. HOWARD,.....S. W. W. M. WINTERS, ...S. D.
E. C. COOPER,.....J. W. D. C. PEARSON, ...J. D.
R. A. COBB, ...Treas. ALFRED HARRISON,...Tiler.

MEMBERS:

W. F. Avery, T. D. Carter, J. M. Clay, J. J. Ewin, B. S. Gaither, J. D. Glass, T. J. Halyburton, E. Hauser, J. A. Hunt, J. M. Happoldt, J. W. Happoldt, P. L. Herman, F. R. Kayler, N. H. Kayler, J. B. Kincaid, J. R. Kincaid, R. V. Kirby, B. Kline, Wm. Milne, J. G. Peterson, R. K. Presnell, W. A. Ross, M. Spainhour, P. A. Shuford, J. C. Tate, S. C. W. Tate, S. McDowel Tate, W. L. Tate, J. T. Walton, H. D. Norton.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—R. R. Brookshier, S. Hammerschlag, W. F. McKesson, L. W. Melton, R. McD. Tate, R. L. Abernatha, A. C. Avery, B. A. Berry, David Berry, W. H. Bristol, S. E. Connelly, Joshua Gibbs, C. D. Giles, C. Houk, H. H. Kincaid, James M. Kincaid, R. J. McElrath, Sr., R. Patten, L. Terry.

WILLIAM G. HILL LODGE, No. 218.

RALEIGH.—Time of Regular Communications: Second Monday Evening in each Month, and on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

J. B. NEATHERY,	W. M.	J. R WILLIAMS,	S. D.
WM. SIMPSON,	S. W.	N. L. BROWN,	J. D.
A S. HEIDE,	J W.	H. C. PREMPERT,	Stew'd.
JNO. G. WILLIAMS,	Treas.	JNO. WHITELAW,	Stew'd.
JAS. H. ALFORD,	Sec'y.	JAS. M. BETTS,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

John Armstrong, John C. Blake, Isham, H. Bennett, R. H. Bradley, Thos. L. Banks, John T. Ball, R. W. Best, P. G. M., R. C. Badger, A. P. Bryan, N. B. Broughton, J. J. Chaplin, John R. Congleton, Wm. R. Cox, Wm. H. Dodd, W. R. Dicks, C. B. Edwards, T. M. Fleming, P. C. Fleming, John C. Gorman, S. P. Gill, L. T Grissom, Charles W. Horner, J. C. L. Harris, Jesse A. Jones, J. King, E S. Lougee, M. C. Luter, Wm. L. Nowell, Willie J. Palmer, B. J. Perkinson, M. A. Parker, J. M. Rosenbaum, A. D. Royster, Phil. H. Sasser, Perrin Snipes, Andrew Syme, W. C. Stronach, S. D. Waitt, William P. Weatherell, John B. White.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 219.

JEFFERSON.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday before every full moon, 24th June and 27th December.

OFFICERS:

J. W. TODD,	W. M.	J. M. CARSON,	S. D.
D. B. MURCHISON,	S. W.	W. P. THOMAS.	J. D.

J. P. WAUGH, ...J. W. N. H. WAUGH, ...Stew'd.
S. C. WAUGH, ...Treas. E. F. FOSTER, P.M., Stew'd.
J. E. FOSTER, ...Sec'ry. ROBT. PARSONS, ...Tiler.

MEMBERS :

W. N. Armfield, B. F. Baker, H. Baker, John Baker, Wm. Baker, David Black, John Black, Jackson Blevins, Jacob Blevins, P. Blevins, J. W. Bowman, C. Brineger, G. W. Burkett, M. Campbell, W. A. Campbell, A. B. Cox, S. V. Cox, Alex. Dickson, Andrew Dickson, D. Dickson, H. Doughton, A. M. Duvall, J. M. Gentry, J. M. Duvall, John Eldreth, James Eller, Jas. Garvey, L. C. Gentry, William Gentry, Alford Graybeal, Jacob Graybeal, Sim Graybeal, C. A. Greer, J. F. Greer, G. H. Hamilton, H. Hardin, F. Hardin, J. Hardin, M. Hardin, R. T. Hardin, E. Hartzog, D. Hines, G. W. Houck, J. Houck, A. Johnson, S. Jones, C. Lewis, J. Liggns, A. M. Maxwell, A. N. McMillan, E. McCarroll, A. C. McEwen, J. C. McEwen, C. H. Miller, B. H. Neal, Q. F. Neal, J. E. Niece, F. M. Neikirk, J. Oliver. C. W. Osborne. J. H. Parks, S. Pennington, J. Perkins, E. E. Phillips, G. W. Price, G. W. Ray, H. H. Ray, J. H. Ray, G. W. Reeves, John Reeves, J. J. Sapp, D. Smith, J. M. Smith, S. F. Smith, L. C. Stump, A. C. Sutherland, W. N. Thompson, J. Wagg, W. S. Walton, A. Weaver, H. Weaver, W. H. Weaver, W. Weaver, G. Weaver, J. H. Whitman, W. K. Wilcoxson, Jas. Wilson, D. S. Windle, D. Worth, A. Wyatt, W. Thompson, Norman Vannoy, C. Johnson.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—Rev. Wm. Baldwin, James Smith, John S. Forrester, P. M. Warren.

STOKESBURG LODGE, No. 220.

STOKESBURG.—Time of Regular Communications: First Saturday in each month, and Sts. Johns' days.

OFFICERS :

S. ADAMS, ...W. M. R. H, MASSEY, ... Sec'ry.
JAS. E. MATTHEWS, ...S. W. JAS. M. MARSHALL, ...S. D.
W. B. VAUGHN, ...J. W. JAS. HIX, ...J. D.
J. W. COLE, ... Treas. JAS. A. POWELL, ...Tiler.

MEMBERS :

B. Baily, B. S. Brown, Thomas J. Blackburn, D. A. Biby, Albert Boyles, H. R. Carrol, W. A. Chaffin, John K. Crawford, John E. Clayton, J. F. Dalton, G. P. Dalton, S. G. J. Dalton, T. P. Dalton, D. N. Dalton, Wm. A. Estes, A. Fulton, P. M., Fewel Fulton, H. C. Fulton, Joel Fulton, Wm. Flint, Joseph Fulp, M. H. Guinn, P. M., Wm. Gentry T. B. Gentry, Jas. T. Greene.

R. Gibson, H. Hairzlip, Wm. H. Hairzlip, S. C. Hill, C. Hill, G. W. Leak, C. M. Lastly, A. Lewis, W. A. Lash, Jr., C. W. McAnally, Wm. C. Matthews, H. M. P. Matthews, A. C. Myers, H. Marshall, J. H. Nelson, W, F. Nelson, G. W. Poindexter, B. Powell, D. C. Pepper, N. M. Pepper, H. W. Rierson, S. M. Rierson, T. P. F. Still, Rev. R. T. N. Stephenson, J. W. Samuel, A. E. Smith, John A. Strader, John E. Cayton, S. B. Taylor, J. B. Vaughn, R. E. Withers, W. E. Willis, John D. Waddell, A. P. Young, D. Poindexter.

Resident Masons not Members :—F. J. Smith, J. A. B. Dalton, C. H. Matthews, W. A. McGauley.

WEBSTER LODGE, No. 222.

Elevation.—Time of Regular Communications : fourth Saturday in each Month.

OFFICERS :

Parrott Creech,	W. M.	Bythan Wallace,	S. D.
Jas. Rayner, Jr.,	S. W.	Carrol Langdon,	J. D.
Eli Turlington,	J. W.	Geo. Denning	Stew'd.
Gideon Woodall,	Treas.	Aldridge Megee,	Stew'd.
Abram Dixon,	Sec'y.	Lemuel B. Langdon,	Stew'd.

MEMBERS :

Wm. F. Hall, Robert G. Creech, Ezekial Creech, Richard D. Byrd, Haywood Jones, Jacob E. Byrd, William Grimes, Britton Ryals, Stephen E. Creech, John K. Stewart, J. A. T. Jones.

Resident Masons not Members.—Calvin Lassiter, Isham Woodall, Benj. Godwin, John G. Woodall, John L. Morgan, Henry S. Lassiter, James W. Creech, Right A. Barber, John M. Stephenson.

TABERNACLE LODGE, No. 223.

Tabernacle Church.—Time of Regular Communications : First Thursday after each full moon at 2 o'clock, P. M., and on the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

JAMES THORN,	W. M.	C. H. HARDIN,	S. D.
C. V. HARDIN,	S. W.	W. R. MCMASTERS,	J. D.
W. F. THORN,	J. W.	D. H. HUNTER,	Ste'wd.
PETER HARDIN,	Treas.	JOHN MAY,	Ste'wd.
W. D. HARDIN,	Sec'ry.	B. H. FIELDS,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

C. C. Causey, A. C. Causey, Paul Coble, Daniel Coble, G. M. R. Clapp, R. H. Dick, Charles Hunter, Erwin Heath, N. A. Hanner, J. A. Hanner, Eli Hayse, A. F. Smith, A. L. Troy, W. B. Tidball, John Watson.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—Rev. J. W. Heath, L. R. Hardin, D. Z. Hardin, C. D. Smith.

COUNTY LINE LODGE, No. 224.

COUNTY LINE.—Time of Regular Communications: On Friday night of each full moon if it fulls on Friday, if not, Friday night before.

OFFICERS:

JAMES M. TURNER,	W. M.	A. TURNER,	S. D.
J. W. ELLIS,	S. W.	T. W. GIBSON,	J. D.
JOHN ANDERSON,	J. W.	O. HENLEY,	Stew'd.
JOHN B. HOLMAN,	Treas.	W. M. DAYVALUT,	Stew'd.
S. HENLY,	Sec'ry.	D. M. CAMPBELL,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. W. Albea, E. C. Campbell N. S. Chaffin, H. C. Eccles, T. P. Gillespie, J. W. Gray, G. E. Hughey, D. Horn, J. C. Meacham, E. Nichols, T. N. Renshaw, N. C. Summers, B. Turner, J. W. Turner, H. Turner, W. L. Tomlinson, W. N. Ward.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—B. J. Smith.

HAW RIVER LODGE, No. 225.

OAK RIDGE.—Time of Regular Communications: The first Saturday after each full moon, also the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

James A. Colley,	W. M.	J. A. Wilson,	S. D.
Chas. H. Wilson,	S. W.	B. D. Johnson,	J. D.
A. J. Boling,	J. W.	J. G. Gamble,	Stew'd.
Wm. O. D'Onnell,	Treas.	J. Thompson,	Stew'd.
W. W. Ragsdale,	Sec'ry.	Allen Lowry,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. S. Brown, J. M. Bowman, Wm. M. Bunch, P. J. Bunch, R. H. Browning, L. M. Calhoun, J. R. Dwiggins, E. J. Haskins, David Haskins, J. Haskins, Wm. Highfill, E. B. Higgins, Wm. H. Jones, Daniel Jones, J. S. King, B. M. Lewis, Wm. F. Linvill, J. M. Mooney, Wm. M. Medearis, F. M. Medearis, N. R. Morgan, John McCuiston, Allen W. Pegram, F. S. Pegram, H. W. Peeples, Rolin Parish, J. C. Roberts, R. M. Stafford, M. T. Stafford, James Wicker, R. R. Sanders, J. J. Sanders, J. T. Rhodes, J. N. Nelson.

Resident Masons not Members:—Newton H. Lowry and Walter Bunch.

WILSON LODGE, No. 226.

Olin.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night on or before the full moon in each month, and on the festivals of the Sts. John.

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JONESVILLE LODGE, No. 227.

JONESVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday, on or before the full moon in each month.

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McCORMICK LODGE, No. 228.

JONESBORO.—Time of Regular Communications: Third Saturday in each month.

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HENDERSON LODGE, No. 229.

Henderson.—Time of Regular Communications: Second Saturday in every month.

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CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 230.

Rocky Mount.—Time of Regular Communication: First Thursday in each month, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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WM. T. BAIN LODGE, No. 231.

HOLLANDS.—Time of Regular Communications: on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month, except June and December, and then on the Anniversary days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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GUNTER LODGE, No. 232.

HAYWOOD.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

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LENOIR LODGE, No. 233.

LAGRANGE.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month.

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ANCHOR LODGE, No. 234.

NEAR AUBURN.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month.

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COKESBURY LODGE, No. 235.

CHALK LEVEL.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month.

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MT. ZION LODGE, No. 236.

SILK HOPE.—Time of Regular Communications: the first Saturday in each month.

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MYSTIC TIE LODGE, No. 237.

Marion.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday evening before the full Moon of each month, and Tuesday evening of McDowell Courts.

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ATLANTIC LODGE, No. 238.

Indian Ridge.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in every month.

OFFICERS:

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NAHUNTA LODGE, No. 239.

FREMONT.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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WICCACON LODGE, No. 240.

HARRELLSVILLE —Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday of each month, at 2 o'clock, P. M., from 1st October to the 1st of April, and at 3 o'clock, P. M., from 1st of April to the 1st of October.

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LOCH LOMMOND LODGE, No. 242.

FLORAL COLLEGE.—Time of Regular Communications; Second Friday of every month.

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ROUNTREE LODGE, No. 243.

CONTENTNEA NECK.—Time of Regular Communications: First Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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MONROE LODGE, No. 244.

MONROE.—Time of Regular Communications: Anniversaries of the Saints John; first Friday night in every month, except June and December, Tuesday night of each Court.

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NEW BERNE LODGE, No. 245.

New Berne.—Time of Regular Commuications: First and Third Friday of each month.

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ELMWOOD LODGE, No. 246.

Greensboro.—Time of Regular Communications: Second Saturday night in each month; Wednesday night of each Court; and anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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MT. HERMON LODGE, No. 247.

MT. HERMON.—Time of Regular Communication: On Saturday before the full moon in each and every month except the months of June and December.

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—J. P. Sharp.

CATAWBA LODGE, No. 248.

NEWTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night before each full moon, and on the nights of St. Johns the Evangelist, and Tuesday night of each Court week.

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Resident Masons not Members.—J. F. Murrill and Henry Wilfong.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, No. 249.

Smithville.—Time of Regular Communications: The first Thursday in every month, and the festival of St. John the Baptist.

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SHILOH LODGE, No. 250.

Sassafras Fork.—Time of Regular Communications : Second Saturday in every month at 1 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

THOS. J. PITTARD,....W. M. J. A. BULLOCK,.....Sec'ry.
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James D. Booker, Dr. A. C. Harris, Rev. Edward Hines, William D. Marron, Nathaniel V. Watkins.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—H. Eaton Coleman.

ROCKFORD LODGE, No. 251.

ROCKFORD.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday before the first Sunday in each month.

OFFICERS:

L. H. DOBSON,.....W. M. J. D. HAMLIN,.....Sec'ry.
S. B. JONES,.....S. W. J. G. BURRUS,.....S. D.
J. J. SETLIFF,.....J. W. R. S. FOLGER,.....J. D.
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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—J. H. Comlins, J. H. Thorr, W. A. Poindexter, M. C. Reeves.

HOLLY GROVE LODGE, No. 252.

GATES COUNTY.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

W. E. MATHEWS,.....W. M. J. R. HILL,.....Sec'ry.
J. A. KNIGHT,.....S. W. W. H. MATHIAS,.....S. D.

D. W. Parker,.....J. W. W. T. Ellis,.....J. D.
J. T. Morgan,..... Treas. H. Ellis,....Stew'd & Tiler.

MEMBERS :

R. M. Darden, James E. Everett, W. H. Harrell, John W. Hofler, James B. Jones, Benj. W. Jones, A. F. Harrell, R. E. Parker, Thomas Parker, W. J. Savage, Thos. W. Speight.

Resident Masons not Members :—Charles J. Barnes and H. H. Hunter.

LEE LODGE, No. 253.

Taylorsville.—Time of Regular Communications: on Friday night on or before each full Moon, on Tuesday night of each Court week, and on the Anniversary of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

Jas. P. Thompson,....W. M. James B. Pool,.....S. D.
James S. Perry,.....S. W. Benj. F. Steele,..... J. D.
Moses Teague,.....J. W. Alfred Eckert,....Stew'd.
John M. Carson,.....Treas. Jonas P. White,....Stew'd.
Alfred Carson,.....Sec'ry. John Watts,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS :

H. T. Burke, W. P. Burke, D. H. Bell, R. O. Bennett, A. M. Bogle, R. S. Barnes, J. L. Davis, H. H. Drum, W. A. Daniel, Ellis Hanes, J. A. Hanes, S. H. Harrington, J. M. Jones, R. P. Matheson, G. Marshall, W. B. Matheson, N. Norton, E. C. Oxford, N. A. Pool, J. S. Patterson, J. F. Stephenson, R. L. Steele, T. J. Vannoy, J. R. Wilson, N. R. White.

Resident Masons not Members :—B. H. Beach, T. J. Dula, W. D. Marshall.

Mt. BETHEL LODGE, No. 254.

Lomaxville.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday evening after the full Moon in each month, and on the Festivals of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

THOMAS CASE,.....W. M.	REV. D. T. DEANES,..Sec'ry.
R. A. WILLIAMS,.....S. W.	M. R. CUMMINGS,.....S. D.
W. J. ROBERTSON,.....J. W.	W. H. CASE,..... J. D.
J. T. SIMPSON,.....Treas.	J. J. TURNER,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. P. Friddle, James Highfill, A. R. Pegram, Dr. J. Strader, A. M. Simpson, E. M. Woodburn, W. P. Lomax.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—Ervin Boon, J. W. Willams.

OAKS LODGE, No. 255.

OAKS.—Time of Regular Communications: on Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

C. N. MORROW,..... W. M.	S. S. WEBB,.....Sec'ry.
D. F. MORROW,.....S. W.	G. C. GUTHRIE,.....S. D.
T. J. OLDHAM,.....J. W.	H. A. EDWARDS,..... J. D.
JO. B. THOMPSON,.....Treas.	C. S. TAYLOR,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—Allen Edwards, A. J. Pickard, Henry Duke, Geo. C. Pickard.

TRINITY LODGE, No. 256.

TRINITY.—Time of Regular Communications: Thursday night before every Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

B. Craven,	W. M.	B. F. Steed,	Sec'ry.
O. W. Carr,	S. W.	C. F. Siler,	S. D.
W. O. Harriss,	J. W.	W. R. Frazier,	J. D.
D. Brown,	Treas.	M. B. Steed,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. B. Alford, S. W. Brown, Jno. A. Craven, H. Dorsett, E. C. Elder, A. B. Finch, T. A. Finch, W. T. Gannaway, G. G. Gray, W. A. Gunn, O. C. Hamilton, J. T. Harriss, R. W. Harriss, Joseph Hoover, A. L. Johnson, J. Johnson, S. S. Jones, J. L. Keen, Jr., A. H. Kendall, L. M. Leach, W. H. Leak, T. E, Lyndon, W. R. Marsh, D. N. McLean, J. A. Miller, A. J. Pyle, Z. Rush, A. H. Stokes, J. E. Thompson, E. W. Walker.

Resident Masons not Members:—W. C. Doub, H. C. Fisher, B. Parker, D. R. Parker, W. H. Pegram, J. Veach.

J. B. PERSON LODGE, No. 257.

Beulah.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. T. Pike,	W. M.	C. G. Holland,	S. D.
L. H. Boykin,	S. W.	Elias Rose,	J. D.
Ransom Hare,	J. W.	E. G. Barnes,	Stew'd.
H. H. Alford,	Treas.	L. D. Bailey,	Stew'd.
Ray Phillips,	Sec'ry.	Eli Godwin,	Tiler.

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Berry Acock, Dr. W. T. Andrews, L. W. Bagley, W. A. Crocker, N. P. Edgerton, N. R. Godwin, Hardy Hatcher, Turner Joyner, Jethro Lewis, E. J. Pearce, J. W. Talton, Ira Woody.

Resident Masons not Members:—Mathew Giles, Jas. B. Woodard.

HARNETT LODGE, No. 258.

Harnett Chapel.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the second Sunday in each month, and on the Festivals of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

WM. UTLEY,.....W. M.	D. G. BALLENTINE,....Sec'ry.
A. G. HAMILTON,.....S. W.	ALLEN BETTS,.....S. D.
D. H. MATTHEWS,.....J. W.	D. C. HOLLAND,.....J. D.
R. H. SMITH,.....Treas.	M. McN. HOLLOWAY,..Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. D. Ballentine, A. D. Holland, J. C. Marcom, Zachariah Rich, John Pearson, Wm. Williams, J. C. Williams, P. J. Wray.

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CENTRE HILL LODGE, No. 260.

CENTRE HILL.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

R. D. SIMPSON,.....W. M.	WM. H. ROBINSON,.....S. D.
JAMES D. WEBB, ...S. W.	WEST R. LEARY,.....J. D.
JOHN A. BUNCH,.....J. W.	JEREMIAH EVANS,....Stew'd.
THOS. EVANS,.....Treas.	RICHARD ELLIOTT,....Stew'd.
R. DILLARD,.....Sec'ry.	MILES GOODWIN,.....Tiler.

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—C. D. Ellis.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 261.

CHARLOTTE.—Time of Regular Communications: second and fourth Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS:

C. W. ALEXANDER,...W. M. JAS. HYNEMON,.....S. D.
A. R. MAYER,.....S. W. J. A. YOUNG, jr.,.....J. D.
Jas. H. ORR,.....J. W. H. BOXBAUM,.... . Stew'd.
S. W. WITTKOWSKY,..Treas. E. LOWENGOOD,.....Stew'd.
D. G. MAXWELL,.....Sec'ry. D. BLUM,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

A. Aschinass, Buxton Boyd, Edward Fullings, S. H. Grassheim, Otto J. Lang, E. W. Lyles, B. R. Smith.

HIGH BRIGHTON LODGE, No. 262.

LENOIR.—Time of Regular Communications: Thursday night before the full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

C. A. CILLEY,.....W. M. A. A. SCROGGS,.....Sec'ry.
J. C. BLAIR,.....S. W. D. M. PUETT,.....S. D.
J. T. C. HOOD,.....J. W. L. E. LINDSAY, ...J. D.
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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—G. Westman, S. Lander, M. Ammen.

GASTON LODGE, No. 263.

DALLAS.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night after each full Moon, Monday night of Court Week, and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

J. R. PETERSON,.....W. M.
M. S. WITHERS,.....S. W.
J. Q. HOLLAND,.....J. W.
M. D. FRIDAY,.....Treas.
J. G. LEWIS,.....Sec'ry.
A. L. HENDERSON,.....S. D.
URIAH MATHEWS,.....J. D.
B. B. BABINGTON,....Stew'd.
CALEB BRADLEY,.....Tiler.

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—Jasper Stowe, D. A. Jenkins, G. W. Mellon.

COBLE LODGE, No. 264.

BRICK CHURCH.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday of each month, and on the 24th June and 27th December.

OFFICERS:

Z. M. FOUST,.....W. M.
W. M. THOMPSON,.....S. W.
M. R. BISHOP,.....J. W.
M. BOWMAN,. .....Treas.
E. S. EULISS,.....Sec'ry.
J. A. COBLE,.....S. D.
G. W. GREGG,. .....J. D.
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JACOB CLAPP,.....Stew'd.
WM. COBLE,.....Tiler.

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—T. M. Shoffner.

FARMINGTON LODGE, No. 265.

FARMINGTON.—Time of Regular Communications: Second Friday evening in each month, and on the annual festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

F. M. JOHNSON,.....W. M. C. F. BAHNSON,.....Sec'ry.
W. O. SMITH,.....S. W. W. F. FURCHES,.....S. D.
W. H. PERRY,.....J. W. F. A. BAILEY,.....J. D.
G. W. JOHNSON,.....Treas. THOS. HOYNE,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

B. F. Boles, L. H. Cash, W. A. Clark, Jno. W. Clifford, J. C. Conrad, Jno. T. Conrad, E. J. Douthit, Daniel Eaton, Philip Eaton, C. H. Etchison, L. A. Furches, Zadoch Griffith, W. G. Hauser, G. F. Howell, L. G. Hunt, W. G. Johnson, D. W. Kinyoun, H. P. Lovell, M. F. Perry, H. S. Puryear, Holden Smith, J. W. Wiseman, P. M., R. A. Womack.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—M. D. Kimbrough, Wm. F. Swain, J. A. Bitting.

DURBIN LODGE, No. 266.

BLOCKERSVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the second Sunday in each month.

OFFICERS:

L. CULBRETH,.....W. M. J. D. O. CULBRETH,....S. D.
F. H. HOWARD,.....S. W. T. FISHER,.....J. D.
W. H. FISHER,.....J. W. D. A. COOPER,.....Stew'd.
J. R. MAXWELL,..... Treas. M. H. BULLARD,.....Stew'd.
A. BULLARD,.....Sec'ry. D. SESSOMS,..... Tiler.

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DUNN'S ROCK LODGE, No. 267.

BREVARD.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday on or before the full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Thos. L. Gash.	W. M.	Isaac A. Harris,	Sec'ry.
T. G. Henson,	S. W.	C. L. Osborn,	S. D.
B. C. Lankford,	J. W.	H. E. Mull,	J. D.
J. C. Davis,	Treas.	E. England,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

B. F. Akin, J. M. Hamlen, R. P. Kilpatrick, J. L. Linard, J. H. Duckworth, J. M. Jones, Jeremiah Osborne, S. V. Pickens, S. W. Reed, Wm. Connell.

Resident Masons not Members.—Wm. Rosdmon.

EAST BEND LODGE, No. 269.

East Bend.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday of each month, and on the Anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

John H. Cornelius,	W. M.	A. Horn,	Sec'ry.
John F. Fletcher,	S. W.	Isaac L. Shugart,	S. D.
Geo. D. Hobson,	J. W.	John D. Phillips,	J. D.
Wm. H. Miller,	Treas.	James C. Baker,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

James Allen, Thos. V. Apperson, Peter A. Apperson, E. Benbow, P. M., Peter Binkley, A. E. Conrad, E. T. Davis, Wm. Hartgrove, Isaac Hutchens, F. W. Hall, W. W. Hauser, I. A. Janat, J. H. Johnson, John H. Kinyoun, R. M. Logan, T. S. Martin, H. P. Martin, Thos. E. North, J. G. Nicholson, W. A. Poindexter, A. P. Poindexter, J. H. Poindexter, R. S. Phillips, Wm. Spillman, A. P. Smitherman, J. L. Spease, Samuel Scott, W. R. Williams, J. Wooten, E. D. Williams, H. R. Williams.

Resident Masons not Membeps.—Moses Baldwin, J. M. Jenal, G. W. Poindexter, G. H. Reniger.

BUILDERS LODGE, No. 270.

Friendship.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday after the full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. M. Blaylock,....W. M. D. P. Sink,.....Sec'ry.
A. Y. Shaw,.....S. W. J. D. Hunt, ...S. D.
Wm. L. Page,..... ..J. W. J. M. Cude,.....J. D.
J. E. Tharpe,.....Treas. Preston Pegg,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

G. W. Charles, Elias Perkins, N. A. Page, B. J. Sapp, C. J. Wheeler.

TABASCO LODGE, No. 271.

Gibsonville.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

W. P. Heath,.....W. M. Joel Allen,.....S. D.
J. M. Sutton,.....S. W. L. H. Boon,.....J. D.
A. Summers,.....J. W. Simeon Wagoner,...Stew'd.
C. C. Curtis,.....Treas. Peter Micheal,.....Stew'd.
G. M. Isley,.....Sec'ry. Daniel Whitesell,...Tiler.

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Rev. C. H. Bernheim, W. C. Durham, W. F. Heath, R. W. Ingle, T. M. Lowery, Dr. J. P. Nuse, E. L. Smith, R. H. Smith, Jacob Shephard, P. F. Sutton, J. R. Shephard, J. Summers, J. N. Woodyard.

MEBANESVILLE LODGE, No. 272.

Mebanesville.—Time of Regular Communications: first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

G. W. Tate,.....W. M. W. B. Lynch,.....Sec'ry.
A. A. Thompson,.....S. W. W. J. Hayes,.....S. D.
V. A. Mebane,.....J. W. T. H. Fowler,.....J. D.
W. O. Fowler,.....Treas. B. T. Fitch,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

C. W. Cheek, Stephen Dickson, W. A. Kirpatrick, W. A. Mebane Eli Sharp, Thos. T. Turner, S. A. White, B. F. White.

WATAUGA LODGE, No. 273.

Boone.—Time of Regular Communications: Friday night after the full and change of the Moon in each month, and on Tuesday night of Court week.

OFFICERS:

D. P. Mast,	W. M.	Nathan Horton,	S. D.
J. W. Councill,	S. W.	Joseph H. Mast,	J. D.
J. B. Todd,	J. W.	D. B. Mast,	Stew'd.
D. B. Dougherty,	Treas.	H. W. Hardin,	Stew'd.
W. L. Bryan,	Sec'ry.	E. S. Blair,	Tiler.

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T. P. Adams, A. J. Critcher, E. H. Dougherty, H. A. Dobbin, Wm. Horton, M. G. Hagaman, D. C. Harman, George Hays, C. W. Lippard, Levi Morphew, John McGuire, W. P. Mast, N. H. McClarity, Joel Norris, J. G. Rivers, Henry Taylor, Simon Ward, J. D. Woodring, M. P. Whittington.

St. PATRICKS LODGE, No. 274.

Boon Hill.—Time of Regular Communications: third Saturday in each month, and the Anniversary days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

N. L. Whittey,	W. M.	K. B. Whittey,	S. D.
W. H. Joyner,	S. W.	D. F. Massey,	J. D.
J. B. Edgerton,	J. W.	C. B. Capps,	Stew'd.
W. P. Raiford,	Treas.	W. H. Sellers,	Stew'd.
J. W. Dowd,	Sec'ry.	T. J. Barham,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Roscoe Hooker, William T. Edwards, William J. Clark.

Resident Masons not Members.—Lovet Lewis, Benj. Babers.

MANUEL FETTER LODGE, No. 275.

MORINGSVILLE —Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the second Sunday in each month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

R. W. YORK,	W. M.	C. E. BEAVERS,	S. D.
S. BARBEE,	S. W.	W. H. WEATHERSPOON,	J. D.
H. D. MASON,	J. W.	J. B. BOOTHE,	Stew'd.
M. BARBEE,	Treas.	J. E. MASON,	Stew'd.
JNO. M. MORING,	Sec'ry.	JOHN H. FOWLER,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Asa Green, H. G. Herndon, W. C. Mason, Jas. M Moring.

GREEN LEVEL LODGE, No. 277.

GREEN LEVEL.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the first Sabbath in each month.

OFFICERS:

A. C. COUNCIL,	W. M.	G. A. UPCHURCH,	Sec'ry.
HINTON HUDSON,	S. W.	L. M. MORGAN,	S. D.
K. R. BROADWELL,	J. W.	L. D. BAUCOM,	J. D.
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MEMBERS.

Jarrott Broadwell, P. M., Rufus Baree, Seth Broadwell, James W. Hilliard, Q. J. Hudson, R. H. Jones, Willie, Manard, Amaus Manard, Leroy Metchell, W. B. Olive, W. R. Suit, John Womble, James Broadwell.

COLESVILLE LODGE, No. 278.

COLESVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS:

PETER HUTCHERSON,..W. M.	G. W. MERRITT,.....S. D.
DR. J. L. PEATROSS,...S. W.	DR. FRANK PRINGLE,...J. D.
J. M. MARTIN,.....J. W.	ABRAM MARTIN,.....Stew'd.
DR. R. F. MOIR,.....Treas.	JAMES S. SCALES,....Stew'd.
JAMES RIERSON, JR.,..Sec'ry.	WM. D. MARTIN,.....Tiler.

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REHOBOTH LODGE, No. 279.

TEACHEY'S.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday before the third Sunday in every month except June and December, then on Sts. Johns' days.

OFFICERS:

J. J. WARD,.....W. M.	JOHN E. FUSSELL,.....S. D.
D. T. MCMILLAN,.....S. W.	W. N. ELLSWORTH,.....J. D.
JNO. C. MCMILLAN,...J. W.	T. W. BONEY,.....Stew'd.
E. T. PIGFORD, ...Treas.	D. W. BONEY,.....Stew'd.
D. H. WILLIAMS,.....Sec'ry.	ARNOLD TEACHEY,.....Tiler.

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RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS:—J. W. Peterson, C. McMillan, C. C. Boney, L. W. Robinson.

SAPONA LODGE, No. 280.

ASBURY CHURCH.—Time of Regular Communications: the second Saturday in each month, and the Anniversaries of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

Wm. Gunter,	W. M.	James Poe,	S. D.
Joseph Rosser,	S. W.	O. S. Johnson,	J. D.
Minter Johnson,	J. W.	D. P. Johnson,	Stew'd.
B. F. C. Burk,	Treas.	Ambers Thomas,	Stew'd.
J. W. Lea,	Sec'ry.	John Spane,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

A. V. W. Bad, Richard Morkem, D. H. Marsh, N. A. McCather, A. Poe, B. R. Patteshall, Joseph Wicker, J. M. Wicker.

Resident Masons not Members.—J. M. Stedman, H. L. Muse, A. G Roberson, J. R. McDonald, Mosea, W. J. Sloan, Robert Paton, Robert Stewart.

RICHARD WATT YORK LODGE, No. 281.

Hanks Chapel.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday evening before the fourth Sunday in each month at 7 o'clock.

OFFICERS:

J. W. Hatch,	W. M.	J. H. Farrell,	Sec'ry.
S. P. Moore,	S. W.	J. R. Farrell,	S. D.
C. A. Boon,	J. W.	J. T. Farrell,	J. D.
Nasa Boon,	Treas.	John Saunders,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

J. D. Caudle, H. C. Ferrell, Wm. Gunter, G. P. Moore, J. T. Neal, Thos. Williams, Willis Poe.

Resident Masons not Members.—G. W. Farrell, Thos. Griffin, David Eliot, N. J. Neal, E. A. Dismuks, Tony Thomas, W. S. Petty.

FORESTVILLE LODGE, No. 282.

Forestville.—Time of Regular Communications: Thursday before second Sunday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. H. Reggan,.....W. M. S. M. Stone,.....Sec'ry.
Dr. L. Chapell,.....S. W. W. B. Smith,..... ..S. D.
G. M. Allen,.....J. W. J. W. Fort,.....J. D.
W. B. Dunn,..... Treas. W. J. Beddingfield,..Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. Royal, E. E. Gill, D. W. Allen, Dr. H. H. Harris, S. S. Abernathy, J. R. Dunn, W. M. Wingate, R. E. Harris, C. C. Newton, G. B. Allen.

Resident Masons not Members.—Michael Thompson, Jacob Hunter, Wm. K. Martin.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 283.

Near China Grove.—Time of Regular Communications: First Saturday of each month and festivals of Saints John the Baptist and Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

John Sloop,.....W. M. H. C. Baughn,.....Sec'ry.
J. K. Baughn,..... ..S. W. Hiram Deaton,..... S. D.
J. V. Pachael,..... .J. W. J. S. Goodnight,.....J. D.
Frederick Cline, ...Treas. Levi Fink,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

C. W. Alexander, A. J. Benson, P. A. Correll, A. M. Correll, John Deaton, R. F. Erwin, C. A. Patterson, S. G. Patterson, G. A. Propst.

Resident Masons not Members.—Jeremiah Bostian, W. L. D. Benson, Jacob Correll, Willis Deaton.

GREENVILLE LODGE, No. 284.

Greenville.—Time of Regular Communications: first Friday night in each month; first and third Monday special.

OFFICERS:

Louis Hilliard,.....W. M. B. C. Pearce,.....S. D.
D. F. Whichard,.....S. W. S. B. Wilson,.....J. D.

B. W. Brown, ...J. W. J. R. Forbes,.....Stew'd.
M. Stern,.....Treas. B. J. Wilson,.....Stew'd.
W. A. Cherry,.....Sec'ry. J. L. Albertson,. ....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

S. S. Wallace, L. J. Smith, W. L. Cherry, H. W. Brown, Henry Fleming, R. M. Hearn, J. G. James, J. B. Worsley, C. D. Rountree, John Flanigan.

Resident Masons not Members.—T. R. Cherry, G. W. Cox, E. C. Yellowly, W. J. Evans, J. J. Nobles.

FLAT CREEK LODGE, No. 285.

Flat Creek.—Time of Regular Communications: Second Saturday in each month, except June and December, then on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

J. R. Holt,.....W. M. Wm. M. Leonard,.....S. D.
H. B. Lambert,.....S. W. R. W. Kidd,.....J. D.
Neill Kidd,.....J. W. J. Brown,.....Stew'd.
H. L. Purvis,.....Treas. A. W. Leonard,.....Stew'd.
J. L. Purvis,.....Sec'ry. B. B. Marly,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

William Brown, Sr., William Brown, Jr., John D. Brown, Thos. F. Cheek, Jeremiah Finison, John Howard, William H. Howard, Jeremiah Hughes, J. C. Kirkman, P. M., Aaron Kidd, Alford Lowdermilk, Elias Maness, E. N. Moffiit, W. L. Mirick, M. L. Nall, W. B. Nall, F. J. Purvis, Neil Purvis, Wm. Russel, S. E. Teague, A. J. Sewel, Stephen Scott, C. H. Welch.

Resident Masons not Members.—E. C. Brewer, Josiah Cheek, Jr., J. A. Purvis, H. B. Scott, John Yow.

CASTALIA LODGE, No. 286.

Castalia.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J M. Stone,.....W. M. Jos. Cook,.....S. D.
J. V. Bunting,.....S. W. M. V. Lancaster,.....J. D.
R. W. Lancaster,....J. W. Gideon Coggin,.....Stew'd.
J. W. Wheless,.....Treas. R. H. Stone,.....Stew'd.
Wm. H. Watson,.....Sec'ry. B. F. Griffin,.....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

B. L. Arrington, S. W. Bartholomew, Thos. S. Collie, A. J. Collins, David Collins, Wm. B. Coppedge, B. J. Griffin, J. W. Griffin, Jno. A. Harrison, H. Hedgepeth, J. P. Jenkins, A. D. May, Washington Stone, Sam'l T. Williams, Wm. H. Wood, Jas. H. Pearce.

BLUE LODGE, No. 287.

Moore Co.—Time of Regular Communications: the first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Samuel E. Johnson,..W. M. John N. McNeill,....S. D.
E. McN. Blue, ...S. W. Jonathan E. Buchan,..J. D.
Wm. P. Smith,..... J. W. Duncan C. Blue,....Stew'd.
John M. Johnson,....Treas. Noah Deaton,.....Stew'd.
Chas. W. Shaw,.....Sec'ry. E. McN. Johnson,....Tiler.

MEMBERS:

A. A. Campbell, James D. McPherson, Murdoch McPherson.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 288.

Jas. M. Brannock's.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night before each full Moon in every month.

OFFICERS:

B. Davidson,.....W. M. J. Hawkins Simpson,..Sec'ry.
E. D. Paschal,.....S. W. L. W. Clapp,.....S. D.

THOS. T. SIMPSON,.....J. W. W. H. ROBERTSON,.....J. D.
W. H. SWAIM,.....Treas. J. M. BRANNOCK, St'd & Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Coleman Brann, Peter Boon, B. J. Brincefield, R. H. Faucette, Rev. Alfred Iseley, Richard Maynard, Henry Maynard, R. W. McCully, John E. Moore, Jacob Summers.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—Bedford McRay, A. R. Kernodle, L. L. Apple, James L. Pugh.

SALEM LODGE, No. 289.

SALEM.—Time of Regular Communications: first Thursday of every month, and Sts. John days.

OFFICERS:

J. W. HUNTER,.....W. M. W. J. COOPER,..... S. D.
A. H. HORTON,..... S. W. E. T. ACKERMAN,.....J. D.
C. S. HANSER,.....J. W. REV. R. P. LINEBACK,..Chap.
H. W. BARROW,.....Treas. AUG. FOGLE,.....Tiler.
A. F. PFOHL,.....Sec'ry.

MEMBERS:

H. T. Bahnson, S. E. Butner, W. F. Carmichael, Miles Griffeths, William Howard, C. A. Hege, H. Lemly, A. C. Minning, F. W. Meller, W. J. McGinley, Charles Jacobs, E. A. Pfhol J. H. Stockton.

GERMANTON LODGE, No. 290.

GERMANTON.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday evening in each month at 6½ o'clock, and the anniversaries of the Saints John.

OFFICERS:

J. S. GIBSON,.....W. M. WM. CAMPBELL,.....Sec'ry.
B. L. BITTING,.....S. W. W. N. GIBSON,.....S. D.
J. R. HERENDON,.....J. W. JOHN VAUGHN,.....J. D.
J. W. BITTING,.....Treas. [Name not reported.]..Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Josiah Heriford, D. R. Leak, A. J. Martin, C. M. Pepper, J. S. Rierson, T. L. Vaughan.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—B. F. Bynum, M. T. Benton, R. D. Golding, Jackson Guthrie, C. H. Matthews.

RICHLAND CREEK LODGE, No. 291.

UNION GROVE.—Time of Regular Communications.: third Saturday evening in each month, except June and December, and then on the Anniversary days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS:

H. T. MOFFITT,	W. M.	ALLEN SCOTT,	S. D.
W. F. DORSETT,	S. W.	F. G. WRIGHT,	J. D.
T. G. CRAVEN,	J. W	DANIEL BROWN,	Stew'd.
CHAS. MOFFITT,	Treas.	ADAM BROWN,	Stew'd.
J. A. SCOTT,	Sec'ry.	B. S. SCOTT,	Tiler.

MEMBERS:

Ira Brown, Eli Brown, E. M. Cox, W. R. Brown, E. A. Moffit, W. A. Pickett, S. H. Way.

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.—Solomon Moffit.

LODGES

WORKING UNDER DISPENSATION DURING THE YEAR 1869, FROM WHICH RETURNS WERE RECEIVED AT THE GRAND COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER, 1869.

VANCE LODGE.

MORGAN'S HILL.—Time of Regular Communications: Wednesday on or before the full Moon in each month, 24th June and 27th December.

OFFICERS:

R. V. BLACKSTOCK,...W. M. J. D. BARNARD,.....Sec'ry.
J. W. HOOKER,.....S. W. J. P. MORGAN,.....S. D.
S. J. MORGAN,.....J. W. L. W. SAMS,.....J. D.
J. C. SAMS,.....Treas. JNO. A. CARTER,.....Tiler.

ATLANTIC LODGE.

SWAN QUARTER.—Time of Regular Communications: third Thursday in every month and Tuesday of Superior Court weeks.

OFFICERS:

B. MIDYETT,.....W. M. J. M. WATSON,.....Sec'ry.
S. D. SPARROW,.....S. W. SAMUEL R. SADLER,....S. D.
WM. G. JARVIS,.....J. W. THOMAS E. MACE,.....J. D.
R. BENSON,.....Treas. HENRY D. CARSONS,...Tiler.

BLADEN LODGE.

ELIZABETHTOWN.—Time of Regular Communications: second Tuesday in each and every month.

OFFICERS:

THOS. H. SUTTON,.....W. M.	R. S. GILLESPIE,.....Sec'ry.
F. F. CUMMING,.....S. W.	D. BLUE,.....S. D.
JOHN P. LYTLE,. .....J. W.	R. A. LYTLE,.....J. D.
JOHN W. MCGILL,....Treas.	ALEX. MCDOWELL,....Tiler.

STONEWALL LODGE.

ROBERSONVILLE.—Time of Regular Communications: second Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

JAS. A. WHITLY,.....W. M.	JAS. L. TEEL,..... Sec'ry.
S. P. EVERITT,.....S. W.	R. B. SMITH,..... S. D.
A. H. COFFIELD,.....J. W.	W. H. PERKINS,.....J. D.
H. D. ROBERSON,.....Treas.	G. W. ANDREWS,.....Tiler.

LITTLE RIVER LODGE.

LITTLE RIVER ACADEMY.—Time of Regular Communications not reported.

OFFICERS:

WM. B. SURLES,.....W. M.	CADER PARKER, jr,....Sec'ry.
JAMES P. HODGES,.....S. W.	SAMUEL R. SURLES,....S. D.
DUNCAN J. PACKER,...J. W.	CALVIN B. SURLES,.....J. D.
DANIEL M. BYRD,.....Treas.	ROBERT J. BYRD,.....Tiler.

EDGECOMBE LODGE.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—Time of Regular Communications: fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Isaac W. Garrett,...W. M. P. S. Petway,.....Sec'ry.
John M. Horne,.....S. W. Wm. R. Hines, ...S. D.
John H. Leigh,.....J. W. R. H. Garrett,.....J. D.
Wm. F. Mercer,.....Treas. Samuel F. Jenkins,...Tiler.

HUNTING CREEK LODGE.

Nicholsonville.—Time of Regular Communications: Saturday night preceding the full Moon of each Lunar month.

OFFICERS:

Chas. R. Jones,.....W. M. E. A. Windsor,.....J. D.
A. F. Wallis,.....S. W. Thos. Holcomb,. ...Stew'd.
A. F. Gaither,.....J. W. F. G. Tharpe,..... Stew'd.
Wm. J. Colvert,.....Treas. Wm. H. Smith,..... Tiler.
J. L. Nicholson,.....Sec'ry. Rev. Dr. R. H. Parks, Chap.
Wm. D. Tharpe,.....S. D.

PAMLICO LODGE.

Aurora.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICERS:

W. A. Thompson,....W. M. B. B. Rives,.....J. W.
J. B. Bonner,.....S. W. Jas. S. Carr,.....Sec'ry.

CLAY LODGE.

Hayesville.—Time of Regular Communications: first Thursday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

A. O. Lyon,	W. M.	E. Hedden,	Sec'ry.
J. S. Anderson,	S. W.	T. J. Martin,	S. D.
W. B. Tidwell,	J. W.	S. H. Allison,	J. D.
J. H. Johnson,	Treas.	H. C. Ledford,	Tiler.

RANDOLPH LODGE.

Lassiter's Mills.—Time of Regular Communications: first Saturday evening after the full Moon in each month unless Moon fulls on Saturday, and then on that day.

OFFICERS:

Labin Slack,	W. M.	P. C. Saunders,	Sec'ry.
N. M. Thayer,	S. W.	P. C. Riley,	S. D.
John Welch,	J. W.	M. J. Leach,	J. D.
Nathaniel Bingham,	Treas.	N. F. Hopkins,	Tiler.

PATTERSON LODGE.

Mt. Pleasant.—Time of Regular Communications: not reported.

OFFICERS:

L. R. Rose,	W. M.	W. R. Kindley,	Sec'ry.
Lee Davis,	S. W.	J. M. Haskey, Jr.,	S. D.
G. D. Snuggs,	J. W.	W. M. Endy,	J. D.
J. M. Barnhardt,	Treas.	Obadiah Kern,	Tiler.

ABSTRACT

OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR MASONIC YEAR, ENDING OCTOBER 31st, 1869.

NAME OF LODGES.	NO.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded, &c.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members.	Res. Ma'ns not mem. of other Lodges.	Whole No.	Dues Paid.
St. John's,	1	3	6	2	5	2			7		4		130		130	$15 00
St. John's,	3	6	5	5	2	3				4	3	2	83	31	114	15 00
Charity,	5										1	3	53	1	54	15 00
Unanimity,	7	1	2		1								35	2	37	
Phœnix,	8	4	4	3	1	4			45		9	1	37	63	150	15 00
Johnson Caswell,	10		1		1				20		1	1	18	16	34	
American George,	17	3	3	3					3	1	4	1	49	21	70	15 00
Phalanx,	31	4	2	2	2							1	51	20	71	15 00
Stokes,	32					3					4	3	74		74	15 00
William R. Davie,	37	4	1	1								1	77	3	80	15 00
Hiram,	40	3	2	1	1	3			6		2	1	72	13	85	15 00
Liberty,	45	7	6	6							3	1	89	7	96	
King Solomon,	56	3	2	4	1			1			1		69	9	78	15 00
Concord,	58	9	4	4		6	1		7		4	2	70	11	81	15 00
Perseverance,	59	4	4	4	2	3					1		25	10	35	15 00
Kilwinning,	64	8	8	7	3	2		2	43		7	3	111		111	
Eagle,	71	4	4	3		2	1				2	3	101	5	106	15 00
Widow's Son,	75	4	5	2	2	2							86	7	93	15 00
Greensboro',	76	1	1	1							3	1	56	38	94	15 00
Zion,	81	1	1	1		1			2				46		46	15 00
Mount Moriah,	82	2	1	1	1	3			20		1		33	6	39	15 00
LaFayette,	83	4	5	3		1						3	75	11	86	15 00
Fellowship,	84	1	2	3	1	4						2	43	8	51	15 00
Morning Star,	85	2	2	2						3			90	2	92	15 00
Skewarkee,	90	12	12	11	1	3						3	44	2	46	15 00
Western Star,	91	5	3	2		5					1	1	22	11	33	15 00
Joseph Warren,	92	2	2	2	1	2				1	1	3	46	5	51	15 00
Jerusalem,	95							1			10	2	53	2	55	15 00
St. John's,	96	4	4	4	2	2			1	4	5	1	73	7	80	15 00
Wake Forest,	97					1					3		24		24	15 00
Hiram,	98	6	6	8	1	2			16		4	3	82	21	103	15 00
Fulton,	99	2	5	6						2	4		60	12	72	15 00
Warren,	101	1	1	1				1			7		53	17	70	15 00
Columbus,	102	1	1	1	1			1	7		3		74	6	80	15 00
Orr,	104	5	6	6									59	46	105	15 00
Perquimans,	106	2	2	1	2	1			2		1		28	9	37	15 00
Clinton,	107	1	1						3		5	3	110		110	30 00
Franklin,	109	11	10	10	4	4					1	3	103	6	109	15 00
Wayne,	112	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	28	1	2	2	50	14	64	15 00
Person,	113										4	1	134	11	145	
St. Albans,	114	12	8	7	3						2	4	143	4	147	15 00
Holly Springs,	115	1	1	1					4		6		58		58	15 00
Mt Lebanon,	117	3	3	1	1	3					4	1	48	27	75	15 00
Mt. Hermon,	118	4	1	2	1	2			3		3		115	14	129	15 00
Logan,	121											1	69	5	74	15 00
Tuscarora,	122	2	2		2				34		5		52	19	71	15 00
Franklinton,	123	3	4	4	4	2			5	10	2	2	70	2	72	15 00
Clinton,	124	2	2	1					12	3	3		31	5	36	15 00
Mill Creek,	125	2	2	2	1	1							37	16	53	
Gatesville,	126	2	1	1	1	2					2		28	8	36	15 00
Blackmer,	127	2		1		2						2	97		97	15 00
Hanks,	128	2	2	3		2		1	8	2	4		61	10	71	15 00
Conoho,	131	5	5	2		1					2	1	18	6	24	15 00

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Radiance,	132	1	1	2	2	1	1			1	2		60	6	66	$15 00
Alamance,	133	1	1	1					1		7		92	3	95	15 00
Mocksville,	134	2	2	3	1								85	5	90	15 00
Black Rock,	135	3	2	1							3		29	8	37	15 00
Leaksville,	136							1			3		68	4	72	15 00
Lincoln,	137	1	1	1	1			1			2		74	4	78	15 00
King Solomon,	138	1	1	3									48	5	53	15 00
Mount Energy,	140										2		67	3	70	15 00
Carolina,	141	3	2	2	1	4		1			2	1	77	4	81	15 00
Cane Creek,	142	2	1	1				2					51	6	57	9 00
Mount Vernon,	143	1	1	1		1					5	1	69		69	15 00
Junaluskee,	145	5	5	5		7					1		52	7	59	15 00
Cherokee,	146	5	9	3		7					2	2	41	2	43	15 00
Palmyra,	147	2	2	2			2		3	1	10		60	11	71	15 00
Adoniram,	149				1	1							33	4	37	15 00
Chalmers,	151								20	3	5		60	3	63	15 00
Scotch Ireland,	154	1	2	2									30	3	33	15 00
White Stone,	155	7	7	6		2			1				58	4	62	
Rolesville,	156	1									1		26	1	27	15 00
Mount Pleasant,	157	1	1					1	4	1	3		61	1	62	15 00
Knap of Reeds,	158	1	2	2	2								72	2	74	15 00
Beaumont,	160			1									34	4	38	15 00
Rock Rest,	161											1	55	2	57	
Yadkin,	162	2	2	1	3		1				2		69		69	15 00
Saint Paul's,	166			1									27	1	28	15 00
Winston,	167	2	2	2		1					7		80	2	82	15 00
Pleasant Hill,	168								73		1		23		23	7 00
Blackmer,	170	5	5	4		3		1			35	1	56	2	58	15 00
Delk,	171											1	24		24	15 00
Buffalo,	172				2						1		76	5	81	20 00
Union,	173	2	2	1								1	48	4	52	15 00
Geo. Washington,	174					2				2	13		76	7	83	15 00
Mecklenburg,	176	2	1	1							2	2	13	4	17	13 00
Siloam,	178	1	2	3	1						6		32	1	33	15 00
LaFayette,	179	2				3			31		1		22	2	24	15 00
Caldwell,	180										12	1	56		56	15 00
Carthage,	181	2	2	2	3								88	3	91	30 00
Townesville,	182	1	1	1							2		45	2	47	15 00
Centre Grove,	183	2	2	1					28		1	1	51	32	83	15 00
Jordan,	184										1		27	3	30	15 00
Sandy Creek,	185	4	3	3		2			7		6		58	5	63	15 00
Pine Forest,	186	3	1	1	3	5					3		48		48	30 00
Central Cross,	187	4	4	5	1						1	1	68		68	15 00
Balfour,	188	1	1	1	2	3					1	1	46	3	49	15 00
Fair Bluff,	190	5	5	5	2					1	4	2	62	4	66	15 00
Burnsville,	192	4	2	1	1	3							44		44	15 00
Mount Olivet,	195	1				2			5		3	1	52	2	54	15 00
Cherokee,	197		2									1	39		39	15 00
Carey,	198	2	1	1		1					3		40	3	43	15 00
Eagle Rock,	201								1				31	4	35	15 00
Cleveland,	202	2	1	1					7		2		36	8	44	25 00
Roanoke,	203	2	1	1	3						1	1	31	1	32	15 00
Berea,	204	2	2	1	2	1		2			3		40	3	43	15 00
Long Creek,	205	3	3	2		4		1			1		54		54	15 00
Mingo,	206												42	1	43	15 00
Lebanon,	207		2	3		1				1	2		69	11	80	15 00
Mt. Olive,	208	2	2	1		1	1				4		19	19	38	15 00
New Salem,	209	3	3	3	2	1					4		70		70	15 00
Enoe,	210	4	3	3					2		1	1	57	7	64	15 00
Ashland,	211	2	2	1		1					1		81	4	85	15 00
Industrial,	212	1	1	1					21	1	4		36		36	30 00
Richland,	214	7	6	3	1						1		60		60	15 00
New Light,	215								4				31		31	
Catawba Valley,	217	2	1	1	2					1	2	2	38	19	57	15 00
W. G. Hill,	218	7	8	9	4	7							50		50	
Jefferson,	219	1	2	2				1			3	1	103	4	107	15 00
Stokesburg,	220	2	2	1	1	1					1		68	4	72	15 00
Webster,	222		1	2							5	1	21	9	30	15 00
Tabernacle,	223		1	1							1	1	25	4	29	8 50
County Line,	224	2									1		27	1	28	30 00

NAME OF LODGES.	NO.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded, &c.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members.	Res. Ma'ns not mem. of other Lodges.	Whole No.	Dues Paid.
Haw River,.....	225	4	4	8									44	2	46	$15 00
Wilson, ...	226	4	6	5	1	2					4		42	3	45	15 00
Jonesville,.....	227	3	3	3	1	2		1				1	85	5	90	15 00
McCormick, ...	228	1		2									32	15	47	
Henderson, ...	229	3	3	3	3								31	3	34	30 00
Corinthian,.....	230	1								1			16	2	18	15 00
William T. Bain,..	231	1	1										15	3	18	15 00
Gunter,.....	232			1	1								54	6	60	15 00
Lenoir,.....	233	6	5	3	3						2	1	23	6	29	15 00
Anchor,.....	234	4	1	1	1								18	1	19	15 00
Cokesbury,.....	235	3	1	1		1					1		27	3	30	15 00
Mount Zion,.....	236	3	2	2							3		14		14	
Mystic Tie,.....	237	1	1			2							27	6	33	15 00
Atlantic,.....	238	5	5	3		2			4		1	1	55	6	61	15 00
Nahunta,.....	239	1	1	1	1	1				1	2		42	9	49	15 00
Wicacon,.....	240	1	1	1		1					3		21	2	23	15 00
Loch Lommond,..	242	1	3	1						1	2	1	29	39	68	15 00
Rountree,.	243	6	5	3	1								29		29	15 00
Monroe,.....	244	8	4	2		2							32		32	15 00
New Berne,.....	245	4	6	6		1					4		46		46	15 00
Elmwood,.....	246	4	5	4	1	1					4		36		36	15 00
Mount Hermon,...	247	1	1	1									27	1	28	15 00
Catawba,.....	248	2	1	1									25	2	27	15 00
Pythageras, ...	249	3	5	7	1	3	1				3	1	32	9	40	15 00
Shiloh, ...	250	1	1	1							1		13	1	14	14 50
Rockford, ...	251	2	2	2									21	4	25	15 00
Holly Grove,.....	252	2	2	2	2		1						19	2	21	15 00
Lee,.....	253	4	6	6	1						2		36	3	39	15 00
Mount Bethel,....	254	1	1	1	1	1					2		16	2	18	15 00
Oaks,.....	255	1			1						1		36	4	40	15 00
Trinity,.....	256	1	1	2								1	38	6	44	
J. B. Person,.....	257	5	6	6		3							22	2	24	15 00
Harnett,.....	258	1		1	3								16	7	23	15 00
Centre Hill,.....	260	3	3	1	1	3				2			28	1	29	15 00
Excelsior, ...	261	9	6	3	1	2					1	1	17		17	15 00
High Brighton,...	262	6	6	5									49	3	52	15 00
Gaston,.....	263	3			1	2					1		26	3	29	
Coble, ...	264										2		23	1	24	
Farmington,... ..	265	4	5	5							3	2	31	3	34	15 00
Durbin,.....	266	1	1	1		1							21		21	15 00
Dunn's Rock,....	267	11	10	2	1	4	1						18	1	19	15 00
East Bend,.....	269	5	4	4	2						2		39	4	43	15 00
Builders,.....	270	4	4	4		2					2		13	5	18	13 00
Tabasco,.....	271	8	6	5	2						4		23		23	
Mebaneville,.....	272	4	2	1							1		16		16	15 00
Watauga,.....	273	13	9	7	2						3		29		29	15 00
St. Patrick's,.....	274	2	2	2		1							13	2	15	13 00
Manuel Fetter,....	275	3	3	3	2								14		14	14 00
Green Level,.....	277	1			4								21		21	15 00
Colesville, ...	278	7	5	4	1								30		30	15 00
Rehoboth,.....	279	7	7	5	1	1							23	4	27	
Sapona,..... ...	280	8	6	6		2					1		18	8	26	15 00
Rich'd Wat. York	281												15	7	22	7 25
Forestville,.....	282	2	3	1	5								18	3	21	15 00
Eureka, ...	283	4	3	1	2								17	2	19	15 00
Greenville,.....	284	2	2	2	3	1							20	5	25	15 00
Flat Creek, ...	285	4	3	3		3							33	5	38	15 00
Castalia,.....	286	11	5	5	2	1							26	2	28	15 00
Blue,.....	287	3	4										13		13	7 50
Eureka,.....	288	5	5	4	5	2							18	4	22	15 00
Salem,.....	289	8	7	6	4								22	1	23	15 00
Germanton,.....	290	4	4	3	2							2	13	5	18	13 00
Rich Land Creek,.	291	7	5	6	6	3							17	1	18	15 00
French Broad,....	292															*20 00
Vance, ...U. D.	293	12	5	3		2							10		10	*20 00
Atlantic,.....“	294	12	12	9		2							26		26	*20 00
Bladen, ...“	295	1	1	1		3							17	5	22	*20 00
Stonewall, ...“	296	1	3	3									11	2	13	*20 00
Little River,...“	297												20		20	*15 00
Edgecombe, ...“	298		6	5									15	4	19	*20

NAME OF LODGES:	NO.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded, &c.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Members.	Res. Ma'ns not mem of other Lodges,	Whole No.	Dues Paid.
Hunting Cr'k, U. D.	299	1				1							18	15	33	$20 00
Pamplico,....."	300	7	5	5		4							16		16	*20 00
Clay,....."	301	6	5	4		4							38	9	47	*20 00
Randolph,....."		11	10	9		3					2		19	1	20	
Patterson,....."		2	2	2									10	5	15	
Total,		588	528	451	161	210	12	20	490	42	384	96	8,909	1110	10,019	$2,789 50

*Fee for Charter.

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

No. of Lodges making returns in the year 1869,	186
" " " from which no returns were received,	15
" " " chartered by Grand Lodge, Dec., 1869,	10
" " " working under Dispensation,	7
No. of Lodges at work,	218
" " chartered Lodges gone out of existence,	91
No. of Lodges formerly and at present existing,	309

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1869, OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated,	588
Passed,	528
Raised,	451
Admitted in chartered Lodges,	161
Rejected,	210
Suspended,	12
Expelled,	20
Excluded for non-payment of dues,	490
Reinstated,	42
Withdrawn,	384
Died,	96

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

No. of Members returned,	8,909
" " Resident Masons not members returned,	1,110
Whole number returned,	10,019
Add Members (590) and Resident Masons (56) as obtained from the last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1869,	646
Estimated number from Lodges U. D. not making returns,	50
Total membership and resident masons not members,	10,715

A discrepancy exists between the above statistics of the strength of the Order and thoseof 1868, (11,184.) It is attributed to the fact that Secretaries of Lodges, in many instances, returned "Resident Masons not members" residing in the jurisdiction of their Lodges, while the same were returned as *members* of other Lodges. An effort was made to remedy this irregularity by instructions to Secretaries during the past year.

Fraternal Dead.

St. John's, No. 3, J. G. Arthur, J. L. Gardner.
Charity, No. 5, Wm. Tadlock, Jehu N. Webb, Lewis Bond.
Phœnix, No. 8, James Banks.
Johnson Caswell, No. 10, William A. Jenkins.
American George, No. 17, S. M. Cowper, P. M.
Phalanx, No. 31, Jas. W. Osborne.
Stokes, No. 32, Thos. J. Oates, Kiah P. Harris, J. L. Shinn.
William R. Davie, No. 37, Lewis Gumb.
Hiram, No. 40, James A. Moore.
Liberty, No. 45, C. R. S. Simpson.
Concord, No. 58, Geo. C. Sugg, L. D. Pender.
Kilwinning, No. 64, W. G. Jones, Alexander Little, John Q. McPherson.
Eagle, No. 71, three—names not reported.
Greensboro', No. 76, H. F. Wiley.
La Fayette, No. 83, Wm. E. Burns, Madrid Frazel, Zephania Ward.
Fellowship, No. 84, J. Strickland, H. B. Watson.
Skewarkee, No. 90, W. W. Andrews, A. A. Burras, J. A. Lipscomb.
Western Star, No. 91, T. H W. Whiteside.
Joseph Warren, No. 92, Martin Sauls, Wm. Sauls, John Carter.
Jerusalem, No. 95, Moses Jolley, Calvin Tucker.
St. John's, No. 96, J. B. Cummings.
Hiram, No. 98, three—names not reported.
Clinton, No. 107, Thos. Covington, A. Slade, R. Ferguson.
Franklin, No. 109, John P. Thomas, M. A. Sabiston, W. H. Piver.
Wayne, No. 112, John B. Griswold, W. N. Dromgoole.
Person, No. 113, Henry Satterfield.
St. Alban's, No. 114, James Davis, George Gardner, Thomas A. Norment, Rev. Jno. Williams.
Mt. Lebanon, No. 117, R. H. Blount.
Logan, No. 121, Jonathan Church.
Franklinton, No. 123, L. P. McGhee, S. F. Waddill.
Blackmer, No. 127, Dr. Owen Hadley, S. V. Simons.

Conoho, No. 131, Abram Cader.
Carolina, No. 141, Madison Roberts.
Mount Vernon, No. 143, one—name not reported.
Cherokee, No. 146, J. W. C. Piercy, M. George.
Rock Rest, No. 161, T. P. Henderson.
Blackmer, No. 170, one—name not reported.
Delk, No. 171, Joseph W. Cowan.
Union, No. 173, J. H. Pitts.
Mecklenburg, No. 176, Jas. M. Potts, W. B. Withers.
Caldwell, No. 180, Dr. Willis Barbee.
Centre Grove, No. 183, L. J. Harris.
Central Cross, No. 187, S. Hendrick,
Balfour, No. 188, Dr. Simeon Cotton.
Fair Bluff, No. 190, Dr. A. J. Shipman, Dr. A. McN. Leach.
Mount Olivet, No. 195, Wm. M. Leach.
Cherokee, No. 197, Thomas D. Price.
Roanoke, No. 203, W. J. Squiggins.
Enoe, No. 210, J. R. Green.
Catawba Valley, No. 217, W. C. Tate, W. S. Moore.
Jefferson, No. 219, A. McEwin.
Webster, No. 222, Parrott Hardee.
Tabernacle, No. 223, Joseph D. McCulloch.
Jonesville, No. 227, H. R. Kirby.
Lenoir, No. 233, G. F. Whitfield.
Atlantic, No. 238, Lemuel G. Sawyer.
Loch Lommond, No. 242, Owen McLaurin,
Pythagoras, No. 249, Jacob A. S. Price.
Trinity, No. 256, S. R. Holton.
Excelsior, No. 261, Jas. A. Gleason.
Farmington, No. 265, S. S. Ward, J. C. Jarrett.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Alex. G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas B. Harris,	Hamilton, C. W.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Jos. K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	John P. Allmond,	Wilmington.
District of Columbia,	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	Freemason's Hall, London.
Florida,	D. C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	M. Thevenot,	16 Rue de Cadet, Paris.
Georgia,	J. E. Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	P. E. Edmondson,	Idaho City.
Illinois,	Orlin H. Miner,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theo. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Chas. Walmsley,	Dublin.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Solon Thornton,	Boston.
Michigan,	James Fenton,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	Wm. S. Combs,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Sol. Star,	Helena.
Nebraska,	Robt. W. Furnas,	Brownsville.
Nevada,	W. A. M. Van Bokkelen,	Virginia.
New Brunswick,	Wm. F. Bunting,	St. Johns.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, M. D.,	New York City.
Nova Scotia,	Chas. J. Macdonald,	Halifax.
Ohio,	Jno. D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	J. E. Hurford,	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania,	John Thomson,	Masonic Temple, Phil.
Rhode Island,	Chas. D. Greene,	Providence.
Scotland,	Wm. A. Laurie,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	B. R. Campbell,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhurst,	Houston.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Washington Territory,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Thomas H. Logan,	Wheeling.
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ELLIS MALONE, M. D., Deputy Grand Master, ... LOUISBURG, "
JOHN NICHOLS, Senior Grand Warden, ... RALEIGH, "
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE, Junior Grand Warden, ... KINSTON, "
WM. E. ANDERSON, Grand Treasurer, ... RALEIGH, "
DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary, ... " "
REV. GEORGE PATTERSON, Grand Chaplain, ... WILMINGTON, "
E. J. BOWEN, Senior Grand Deacon, ... NEWBERN, "
ROBT. G. EUBANKS, Junior Grand Deacon, ... PITTSBORO', "
JAS. A. REAGAN, Grand Marshal, ... REEMS CREEK, "
S. D. THRUSTON, Grand Sword Bearer, ... SMITHVILLE, "
J. Q. JACKSON, Grand Pursuivant, ... HOOKERTON, "
JAS. M. BETTS, Grand Tiler, ... RALEIGH, "

ERRATA.

On page 7, in Note, after word communication, read 153.

On page 10, Q. 5, read as follows: Must a Subordinate Lodge receive a notice of expulsion, without a seal, as legal?

On page 13, under head of visitations, after word Massachusetts, read, "and Pennsylvania."

APPENDIX.

Document No. 1.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received and reviewed the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama, December, 1868.
Arkansas, November, 1868.
California, October, 1868.
Colorado, October, 1868.
Connecticut, May, 1869.
Delaware, June, 1869.
District of Columbia, 1868.
Florida, January, 1868 and 1869.
Georgia, October, 1868.
Idaho, June, 1868.
Illinois, October, 1868.
Indiana, May, 1869.
Iowa, June, 1869.
Kansas, October, 1868.
Kentucky, Oct., 1867 and 1868.
Louisiana, February, 1869.
Maine, May, 1869.
Maryland, 1868 to 1869.
Massachusetts, 1868 to 1869.
Michigan.1868 and 1869.
Minnesota, January, 1869.
Mississippi, January, 1869.
Missouri, October, 1868.
Nebraska, June, 1868.
Nevada, September, 1868.
New Brunswick, Sept., 1868.
New Hampshire, June, 1868.
New Jersey, January, 1869.
New York, June, 1868 and 1869.
Ohio, October, 1868.
Oregon, June, 1868 and 1869.
Pennsylvania, 1868.
Rhode Island, May, 1868–'69.
South Carolina, Nov. 1868.
Texas, June, 1869.
Virginia, December, 1868.
Washington Territory, Sept. 1868.
West Virginia, Nov., 1868.
Wisconsin, June, 1869.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Montgomery, December 7th, 1868.

M. W. George D. Norris, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation from two hundred Lodges.

M. W. George D. Norris presented his credentials and was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The address of the Grand Master is a very interesting document.

We quote as follows:

"We have again assembled in Grand Communication in the 48th year of our organization. How many and varied are the dangers through which we have passed! But amidst them all our order stands in grand proportions, as unchanging through political and religious events as the firm primeval rock. Its antiquity of origin from whence memory of man runneth not thither, its purity of purpose, and with life invulnerable, it survives many a stormy era; and although our first Grand Masters have vanished in the misty past, yet their work still stands in imperishable Wisdom, Strength aud Beauty; growing stronger and stronger as the tide of humanity in endless waves, passes down the way of time; still glorious and beautiful, knowing no time, and steadfast as the bands of Orion."

The death of P. D. G. M., James L. Price, is announced, and a mourning page is inscribed to his memory.

The Grand Master says :

"In Mississippi, at Lauderdale Springs, a Home for Orphans is in successful operation; there are now within its walls ninety odd orphans of Masons, besides many others; a little girl living in Kentucky, Jennie Moxley by name, nine years old, became impressed with the importance of the subject, and gave all her money she was saving to buy a doll for the benefit of the Home at Lauderdale Springs; still not satisfied, she, after much concern of mind, consented to part with her memory string, composed of beads and flowers, very precious to her, and made mention of her desire to her mother, who informed her that no one would purchase her memory string; she replied in simple but grand faith, I can but try. She requested a gentleman of her acquaintance to take the memory string and sell it, and send the proceeds to the Home, who upon meeting a friend and relating the circumstance, immediately gave him ten dollars, and returned it to him; and by repeated sales, this simple offering of a child of great faith, brought to the Home one thousand dollars. Cannot we, able, strong men, do more than this child of faith? Cannot the twelve thousand Masons of the State give at least one dollar each towards this object! Thereby relieving their Lodges of constant and unavailing demands for this purpose, and relieving the wants and necessities of many a helpless orphan or indigent child, whose sires now lie in bloody graves, after having long battled for what they thought was right? God forbid, but in the language of our sainted brother Fuller, "let it be the chief solicitude of our lives."

I would therefore recommend that a committee of five be appointed, to take into immediate consideration the absolute necessity of establishing a Masonic Orphan's Home in our Jurisdiction, and that they digest plans, ways and means, of accomplishing so great an enterprise, and make report at this Communication.

As a means of commencement, I would suggest that all the surplus funds now in the Treasury, and all which may hereafter accrue, be set apart for this purpose; also, that the Lodges be directed to charge one dollar additional for each of the Degrees, to be sent up annually with their returns; said sums to be applied to the Home; also, that the Lodges be required to make out a list of all unaffiliated Masons in their jurisdiction, which list must be

sent up annually with their returns, and that said Lodges require said unaffiliated Masons to pay into their Treasuries the same amount of dues that the members pay, under pain of suspension; and that this sum be also applied to the Home. As a kindred measure, I would most earnestly recommend, that the Grand Lodge sanction the establishment of a Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company upon a just and equitable syetem."

This grand enterprise speaks well for our brethren in Mississippi. The noble efforts of the young philanthropist, whose name is mentioned in connection with the foregoing interesting incident, are incentives to greater zeal on their part. We trust that abundant success may crown the efforts of our brethren in Alabama to establish a "Masonic Orphans' Home."

The Grand Master recommends an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, restoring to the Grand Master the prerogative of choosing his Deputy. We agree with him that this is simple justice, as well as a conformity to our ancient rules and usages ; for the Grand Master must have as his Deputy one who is in perfect accord with himself.

He also recommends a system of mileage and per diem for representatives to the Grand Lodge, at least one from each Lodge. The system works well in jurisdictions where it prevails.

The address contains many valuable suggestions, of which our limited space precludes a notice.

Nine new Lodges were organized under Dispensation during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the Grand Lodge to be in a good condition financially.

The Grand Lodge has provided for the procurement of the photographs of her present and past Grand Masters. A noble idea.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, able and interesting. It is from the pen of Bro. Wm. C. Penick, P. G. M., permanent chairman of the Committee. North Carolina receives a fraternal notice at his hands.

The Grand Master and R. W. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Initiated, 696; Passed, 646; Raised, 649; Affiliated, 601; Rejected, 260; Demitted, 856; Died, 206; Expelled, 30; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 55; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 704; Reinstated, 190; Members reported at this Communication, 10,423.

CONDITION OF THE LODGES.

Lodges square upon the books, 206; Lodges delinquent, 44; Charters forfeited, 77; Army numbers, 19; Dispensations continued, 2; Whole number at the end of the year, 348.

JURISPRUDENCE.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

Held, that the statement of a brother that he objects to the ballotting upon a brother's application for affiliation during his absence, as he is not on good terms with him, is a bar to his election.

Held, that a Mason is not deprived of any civil right as a member of the Order, and that he can take the benefit of the Bankrupt Act. The requirements of Masonry do not conflict with the laws of the land. A Mason must be true to his word if able to comply; if fraud be shown he must be expelled.

Held, that in a trial for unmasonic conduct the requisite number must be present, and should any leave before the termination of the trial, thereby reducing the constitutional number, that it estops further proceedings, is irregular and unconstitutioual; furthermore, that the vote must be taken upon each specification separately. In this case the verdict of the Lodge was set aside, and a new trial ordered.

Held, that a Past Master who has never received the Past Master's Degree, can install the officers of a Lodge, a Chapter Past Master not being recognized.

Held, that it is the duty of a member objecting to the affiliation of a brother, and who cannot be present, during the ballot, to make known to the Master that he objects, and it would be the duty of the Master to withhold the ballot in the absence of the objecting brother.

Held, that a brother indefinitely suspended can be restored by a two-thirds vote, a majority of the members being present. Indefinite suspension is at the pleasure of the Lodge, and differs from expulsion, that being a total cutting off from the Order, which is final, except by petition, a unanimous ballot, and the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Held, that the Tiler's place is without the door all the time the Lodge is in session, and he cannot be admitted within the Lodge ; nor can a slide be made in the door ; but it must be fastened on the inside by the Junior Deacon, only to be opened by order of the Master.

Held, that a brother I. P. and R. in a Lodge becomes a member without signing the by-laws.

Held, that the minutes must always be read before closing for correction and approval, and read at the next stated Communication for reference only. A Communication cannot alter or amend the proceedings of a former one. Each Communication is the only proper judge of its own records, and no other Communication can alter or amend them.

Held, that the Senior Warden presides in the absence of the Master, and the Junior Warden in the absence of the Master and Senior Warden, and that it is not necessary that any Past Master sit in the E., more particularly a Chapter Past Master; such claims must be sternly denied; we know no one in Lodge but the Master and Wardens.

Held, that all present must vote on charges for unmasonic conduct, and that the Master or Lodge cannot excuse a member from voting.

Held, that calling the Lodge off from one date to another, is irregular, unmasonic, wrong in principle, needless, bad in practice, and a modern innovation; therefore, all Lodges must be closed.

Held, that when a candidate for initiation is rejected, it is highly unmasonic to declare him elected at a subsequent Communication, the opposer withdrawing his objections, without a further ballot, and the Master acted without authority in so ruling, and initiating the candidate.

Held, that a Lodge can refuse to install its officers should they *have not* been duly and constitutionally elected in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks.

Held, that no dispensation could be granted to elect a Junior Warden to the office of Senior Warden, or Junior or Senior Warden, to the office of Master.

Held, that the loss of an arm, hand, thumb, leg or foot, bars from I. P. or Raising, although all those members be supplied artificially.

Held, that Master Masons, in a trial, depose upon their honor; all other testifying must be duly sworn to.

Held, that it is unmasonic for a Lodge to pass a by-law indefinitely suspending any brother who may fail to attend the Lodge for three consecutive Communications, without further action of the Lodge, and such clause must be stricken out.

Held, that the Grand Lodge of Alabama has original, exclusive, supreme and sovereign jurisdiction upon, and over, all subjects of Masonic legislation, jurisprudence, and nomenclature, within the State; therefore no Lodge, Mason, Masons or any one else, can organise or establish, any company, firm, or body, and call it Masonic, unless by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge only being in session for a few days of the year, it is necessary that its functions be delegated to a suitable person; this, of course is the Grand Master, who, during vacation, exercises Legislative, Judicial, and Executive functions, together with his ancient prerogatives, conforming in all things to our written Constitutions, the *lex non scripta*, and Ancient Landmarks, his action and decisions being subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. Hence I have by edict forbid the organization of any so named body, unless by and with your consent.

Held, that a profane is not necessarily compelled to petition the Lodge nearest his residence for initiation.

Held, that the widow of a Master Mason in good standing who marries a profane, and he dies, has lawful claims upon the fraternity as the widow of a Master Mason.

Held, that the so-called Adoptive Masonry is not Masonry, must not be entitled such, and is not recognised by this Grand Lodge.

Held, that a subordinate Lodge can insert a clause in its by-laws suspending for non-payment of dues for a less time than two years.

Held, that when a profane petitions for initiation, which is received and a committee appointed, but before action by the Lodge he dies, that the money must be returned to his family, and all further action estopped by the Lodge.

Held, that a member of Conference of the Episcopal Methodist Church South, is to all intents and purposes, actively engaged in the ministry, although a student at college, but sent by that Conference for education.

Held, that a petition after being received by the Lodge and referred to a committee, cannot be withdrawn, only in case of the death of the applicant.'

Report of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence concurred in by the Grand Lodge. We publish some of the most important decisions.

"When a non-affiiliated Mason has petitioned for affiiliation and been *re-ected* it is a declaration, according to masonic rule, that he is unworthy of affiliation, and cannot have the effect of restoring to him any right or privilege, which he voluntarily surrendered by dimitting and becoming unaffiliated."

Lodges under Dispensation within this jurisdiction have the right to dimit, and that such dimits ought to be respected by Lodges in any other jurisdiction.

The Grand Master has no power to issue a dispensation to fill a vacancy in the office of Master, whilst either the Senior Warden's or Junior Warden's station is filled by a duly elected and installed officer; but he has the power to issue a dispensation to fill a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden. The office of Master survives in the Senior or Junior Warden, as the case may be, but the office of Senior Warden survives in no one. "The Junior Warden is ineligible to promotion."

ARKANSAS.

The Thirtieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Little Rock, 16th, 17th and 18th of November, 1868. M. W., E. H. English, Grand Master, presiding, ninety-eight Lodges represented.

The Grand Master opens his address as follows:

"Much of the more interesting features of masonry are legendary, transmitted to us through successive generations of craftsmen, from the earlier ages of the world—from ages when there was no printing, when book making was rare, books were few, and men learned wisdom from the Great Book of Nature.

Not long since a venerable Hebrew brother told me a story, which I had never heard before; and which he said he learned, when a boy, in the fatherland, from his aged uncle, who was a mason, and who assured him that he had it in a very ancient parchment manuscript, which had never been printed. Pleased with the story, I said to him that I would tell it to the Grand Lodge some day, and let it be printed, as it was no secret. So I give it to you now for what it is worth. It is the story of SOLOMON, THE RAVEN AND THE WORM.

Solomon, the Most Wise, was sitting in a grove, near his rural palace, observing a raven feeding her young. Whilst she was off in search of food, telling a servant to bring him a glass bowl, he placed it over her nest so as to cover the young birds. When she returned to the nest, the young ravens opened their mouths to receive the supplies which the mother was accustomed to bring them; and she, meeting with the transparent obstruction, fluttered about it for some time in vain attempts to reach her imprisoned children. Vexed, she made repeated but ineffectual efforts to break the vessel with her beak. Despairing of success in this mode of attack, she lighted upon a limb, near by, and sat for some time, seeming to meditate. Then leaping into the air, and spreading her black wings, she moved off with rapid flight in the direction of an island in the Mediteranean Sea. Our Grand Master, who had watched with interest all her movements, sat waiting for her return. Finally she came, bear-

ing in her beak a large white worm; and placing it on the rim of the nest, near the edge of the bowl, it crawled over the vessel, and along its track the glass instantly cracked, as if cut by a diamond, parted, and fell to the ground!

The masons were in the quarries preparing stones for the temple. They used the drill and the wedge, but the process of parting the stones by these simple implements was tedious. The idea flashed upon the mind of Solomon that, by the instinct of the raven, Providence had placed in his hands a wonderful, but more effective instrument. Taking the WORM to the quaries, he placed it upon a great stone which the laborers had heaved out from the mountain; it crawled across it, and, to the amazement of the wise man, the stone opened along its path, and tumbled apart. Thousands of stones were thus separated into suitable rough ashlers, to be finished by the chisels and the mallets of the craftsmen!

Such is the substance of the story. It may be a mere fable. It may be that the insect excreted from its body some mysterious chemical substance that parted the glass and the stone. Or it may be that Providence, who confounds the wisdom of men by using simple means to effect great purposes, supplied to Solomon this wonderful little craftsman, to aid in the great work of erecting a temple for his worship.

Be this as it may, I have repeated this "Strange Story" to illustrate the fact that Solomon, like Job, was a student of the Book of Nature, from every great page of which—whether he looked upon the sea, into the air, upon the earth, all teeming with life, or up into the heavens, sparkling with the lamps of night—he learned, as all masons may, lessons of wisdom."

Seventeen Lodges were organized under Dispensation during the year.

We cannot follow the Grand Master through his entire address, though we would be pleased to notice some of the interesting points contained therein.

The Grand Secretary presented an elaborate report of the transactions of his office, showing much attention to his duties.

Bro. O. C. Gray, Profsssor in St. John's College, delivered an able address on the subject of Education, in which he discussed the interests of the College, and made an urgent appeal to the Grand Lodge for its support. The College does not seem to be in a flourishing condition.

The death of Bro. Henry K. Brown, P. G. W., aged 61 years, is announced.

Bro. C. B. Moore, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee.

We can afford to pass in silence the unfraternal and inappropriate appellation applied to us by Bro. Moore. But we beg simply to say that a course like this does not tend, by any means, to strengthen the ties of fraternal brotherhood, but if persisted in, would furnish sufficient cause for a discontinuance of correspondence and intercourse. Allow us to say further, that such taunts, coming from *Arkansas*, are

in exceedingly bad taste. We do not feel sensitive on this point, but we really think that proper respect should be shown us.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Bro. O. H. Blocher, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 677; Passed, 541; Raised, 481; Admitted, 429; Dimitted, 441; Died, 119; Suspended, 152; Expelled, 23; Members, 7,676

CALIFORNIA.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in San Francisco, October 13th, 1868.

M. W., William A. Davies, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation from one hundred and forty-three Lodges.

The Grand Master's address is a business like document, being mainly a review of his official acts.

He announces in appropriate terms, the deaths of Bro. Henry Hare Hartley, Deputy Grand Master, and Wm. H. Peterson, Past Senior Grand Warden, both aged not quite forty-two years.

Mourning pages are devoted in the proceedings to their memory.

The Grand Master says:

"The most friendly relations exist between our jurisdiction and other Masonic bodies. A few cases have occurred of violation of our jurisdictional rights by the subordinates of other Grand Lodges, but, when presented to their notice, the promptness with which such acts have been disavowed and censured, and the regard shown for the principle of personal and territorial jurisdiction, so wisely adopted and urged upon the attention of the Fraternity during a series of years past by this Grand Lodge, has been so heartily indorsed and commended that we may reasonably hope that this prolific source of discord is at no distant day to be controlled by uniform legislation and an honest desire among Grand Lodges to respect each others' rights.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York it was resolved that it shall be made an imperative duty on the part of subordinate Lodges to present, in print or writing, the following questions to every candidate for initiation, requiring him to answer in writing each question, and to state that he does so upon his honor as a man, the said questions and answers to be returned to and become the property of the Lodge before any ballot shall be taken upon his petition:—

"Where were you born? What is your age? What is your occupation? How long have you lived in the State of New York? How long in the town, city, county, or village in which you now reside? Have you ever to your knowledge been proposed as a candidate and rejected in a Masonic Lodge, and if so, when and in what Lodge? Do you believe in the existence of one ever-living and true God? Do you know of any physical, legal, or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Freemason?"

Mention is made of violations of the jurisdictional rights of this Grand Lodge by Lodges in Massachusetts and Tennessee, and in the case of the latter, reparation is made.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Alex. G. Abell, presented a report showing great care and perfect system in the discharge of the duties of his office. He reports six new Lodges organized under Dispensation during the year.

The library of this Grand Lodge contains five hundred and twelve volumes—the largest of the kind, except that of Louisiana, in the country.

The receipts during the year amounted to $17,132 15.

From the disbursements reported by the Grand Treasurer, we are led to think that our California brethren "don't mind expenses."

Bro. Wm. H. Hill, presented an admirable report on Foreign Correspondence. He gives us a fraternal notice.

In this jurisdiction an organization exists styled, "The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco," the report of whose transactions makes the following exhibit.

For the relief of sick, destitute, or needy brethren,	$4,283 10
For the relief of the wives, widows, or children of brethren,	2,880 53
For the funeral expenses of deceased brethren,	297 40
Being a total disbursement for charities, of	$7,461 03
To which add for incidental expenses of the Board, salary of the Secretary, and contributions to the "California Labor Exchange,"	424 40
Making the total expenditures for the year,	$7,885 43

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in the treasury September thirtieth, 1867,	$1,341 39
Received from assessments upon Lodges of this city,	3,553 20
Received from donations, benefit, repayments, etc.,	3,709 10
Being a total of	$8,603 69
Expenditures for the twelve months,	7,885 43
Balance in the treasury September thirtieth, 1868,	$718 26

Of the foregoing sum of $7,461 03, disbursed for the relief of the sick and needy, there was expended—

For Masons of California,	$1,714 10
" Masons of other jurisdictions,	2,866 40
" widows and orphans of Masons of California,	658 00
" widows and orphans of Masons of other jurisdictions,	222 53
Being a total of	$7,461 03

No portion of the foregoing sum has been expended for any member of any of the Lodges comprising this Board, or for his wife, widow, or orphans, each Lodge in the city caring for its own sick, needy, or destitute.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho, New Brunswick and the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia were recognized.

Bro. John B. Felton, Grand Orator, delivered the annual oration which is able and meritorious. We make the following extract:

"I wear my badge of Masonry with pride and exulation. I know, as I pass along the streets, that men unknown to me look kindly upon me because I am one of them. I know that I have no need of a long acquaintance before my brother trusts in me—confides his dearest interests and his most intimate secrets to me. I know that the sunlight, as it is reflected from my Masonic symbol, carries back with it a ray of sympathy and mutual understanding to the hearts of thousands; and it is for that I value and love it. But if this badge stands merely by itself—a piece of lettered gold; if there is no great meaning symbolized by it; if the fundamental law of Masonry ceases to exist, whereby the doctrine of love to man and confidence in the goodness of his character is inculcated as a precept; or if that law becomes a dead letter and is not carried out in our lives and in the habits of our minds—what care I for the bauble? I wear it now, and feel myself stronger and better because I am permitted to do so. Strip it of its idea, and I can only wear it from mere vanity.

It seems to me that the Mason who introduces disorder into our circle; who intrigues and plots for selfish ends; who is suspicious and jealous of his brethren; who allows unworthy motives to act upon him when it is a question of their admission or advancement—is guilty of a greater crime against Masonry than he who is dishonest or dissolute, or who commits an offense against society at large, for he is guilty of treason against its organic law. Just as society cannot exist without government, Masonry cannot exist unless the law of good will is voluntarily and strictly observed. This law is its fundamental idea, and without this law Masonry itself has no value."

M. W. Bro. Charles Marsh of Nevada was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Alex. G. Abell, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 817; Passed, 822; Raised, 821; Affiiliated, 467; Restored, 92; Withdrawn, 626; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 192; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 4; Expelled, 7; Died, 94; Rejected, 258; Entered Apprentices, 233; Fellow Crafts, 133; Master Masons, 8,106.

JURISPRUDENCE.

A degree conferred by one Lodge at the request of another is the act of the Lodge preferring the request. Permission to receive the petition of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is a relinquishment of the rights of the Lodge granting the permission.

The rules adopted in our civil courts, with reference to communications between attorney and client, we think should apply in Masonic courts as well. Those rules are well established. If one employs an attorney and discloses to him, as such, the facts of his case, the courts not only will compel, but will

not permit the attorney to disclose them upon the witness' stand. If one, charged with a Masonic offense, employs counsel and disclose to him, as such, the facts of his case, we think the same rule should apply, and that the counsel should not be compelled or allowed to disclose the facts so communicated, when called as a witness. If, however, the brother employed as counsel has become acquainted with any facts pertinent to the case, otherwise than through the confidential disclosures of his client, he should be compelled to give them in evidence when called as a witness. The relation of attorney and client should protect confidential disclosures of the client to the attorney, as such, and nothing more.

No Lodge or body of Masons, nor any Mason, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall appear in Masonic clothing, in any public procession or at any public meeting or demonstration, without permission from the Grand Master, except for the burial of a brother or to perform some strictly Masonic labor. [1868.]

No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall bury with Masonic honors any Mason who has committed suicide. [1868.]

COLORADO.

The Eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Central City, October 6th and 7th, 1868. M. W. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, presiding. Eight Lodges represented.

The oration by Rev. Bro. B. T. Vincent, is eloquent. He thus closes:

"Finally, let us consecrate a proper modicum of our powers to a dignified use and perpetuity of our beloved instrumentality, as modestly, silently, yet unchangeably, it goes on to accomplish its own work. Then, when the Great Day that shall reveal all secrets comes, it will show a pure record. The *Plumb* will prove the rectitude of its purpose. The *Level* will indicate that not by clothes or purse or caste, but *character*, all are one; and as the Great Hand applies a *Square* more true than ours, may the accomplishment in us all prepare for a safe submission to that perfect test in which the Master Builder shall say, "Square work and true work, just such as is needed for the Great Temple on High."

The address of the Grand Master is a review of his official acts.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized.

Steps have been taken to re-print the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization.

A well written report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Frank Hall. The partial perusal which we could only give it, afforded us much pleasure. Our Proceedings for 1867, reviewed.

We are glad that, by the repeal of the odious postal law which existed to the 1st of October last, our brethren of Colorado have been thrown into a more general communication with the Fraternity.

The Grand Master and R. W., E. C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

No. Ent. Apprentices, 71; No. of Fellow-Crafts, 18; No. of Members, 717; Living out of Territory, 134; Rejected, 57; Reinstated, 0; Expelled, 0; Suspended, 0; Died, 2; Dimitted, 59; Raised, 94; Passed, 100; Initiated, 112; Affiliated, 19

JURISPRUDENCE.

Resolved, That no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall knowingly hereafter recognize as a Mason any citizen of Colorado who shall be hereafter made a Mason outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, during his citizenship, unless by permission of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided.

Resolved, That the W. M. and Wardens representing the several Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Lodge, be instructed to wear their jewel of office of their respective Lodges in all future attendance upon this Body.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in New Haven, May 12th and 13th, 1869. M. :W. William Storer, Grand Master, presiding. Ninety-three Lodges represented.

From the very excellent address of the Grand Master, we quote the opening remarks.

"The rapid flight of time has brought us another stage in the journey of life; and we are again permitted to assemble in this sanctuary, which has been consecrated as a resting-place for the Masonic pilgrims. We have bowed around the mercy-seat, and united in a tribute of thanksgiving to Him who has strengthened and guided and sustained us in the labors and trials of another year, and besought the enlightening influence of His blessed Spirit in the performance of the important duties now before us. Allow me, my beloved brethren, to congratulate you on your safe arrival in this sacred retreat, and to extend to each of you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this our annual feast. I see around me many familiar faces, and have been premitted to return the fraternal grasp of scores with whom I have been accustomed to take counsel in years gone by; and yet I find myself surrounded by a multitude of strangers, —younger brethren, who have just entered on "the great and glorious work," —whose feet have just been placed on the lower rounds of the ladder,—who have yet to climb the rugged ascent to the pinnacle of our Mystic Temple, and many of whom, I fondly trust, will yet occupy exalted positions in our ranks, and whose example in after life will shed far and wide the enlightening and warming and vivifying rays of pure Masonic light. But, Brethren, young and old—the more humble as well as the most exalted—I bid you all a warm-hearted old-fashioned Masonic welcome."

The address is replete with good suggestions. He reports four new Lodges organized under Dispensation during the year.

He announces in appropriate terms, among others, the death of Bro., and Ex. Gov. Thos. H. Seymour, which occurred in the city of Hartford on the 3rd of September, 1868, aged 61 years.

The following suggestion is submitted by the Grand Master:

"An institution has been established in the city of Hartford during the past year, which I deem it my duty to bring to the attention of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and commend to their favorable consideration; although it is not connected with any particular Lodge, and is not recognized as a constitutional Masonic organization. I allude to the "Masonic Mutual Benefit Association," which from its beneficent design, and the simplicity of its organization, commends itself to the good sense and prudent forethought of every brother. By the payment of a small admission fee, each member makes a sure and permanent provision for the benefit of his family or friends at his decease. To provide for his loved ones, and secure for them the means of comfortable subsistence whenever their natural protector and supporter is removed by death, is the sacred duty of every Mason as well as every man. This "Benefit Association" will furnish these means of support, at an expense so trifling as scarcely to be felt by the most indigent member of the Craft. This Association has thus far been confined almost entirely to the immediate vicinity of Hartford. I understand it is intended to make it, as speedily as possible, a State Institution; and I should rejoice to know that every Freemason in this jurisdiction had secured the benefits of membership. In its board of directors I find the names of several of the most careful and prudent business men in the community; and the fact that none of these receive any compensation for their services, is one of the best recommendations of the institution."

Bro. Chauncey M. Hatch, Grand Lecturer in his report, makes the following important recommendation, as a remedy for lack of uniformity in the work.

I know of no better remedy than for the officers, by their example and redoubled diligence in giving masonic instruction, to endeavor to make the Lodge so interesting the brethren will feel that they lose more than they can afford by absence. This, I think, will be evident to those who are not unmindful that all our masonic labors are of a voluntary character, and will only be performed by those who *love* them; and as a rule those will love them *most* who best understand and appreciate our institution, which leads me again, as I have repeatedly done before, to urge the practice of compelling newly admitted members to commit the Lectures of one degree before being advance to the next. My own experience (and think that of every person who has been engaged in instructing Lodges) confirms the belief that no one thing tends more to promote the welfare and prosperity of a Lodge than thorough and faithful compliance with that regulation of the Grand Lodge which requires the Lectures to be committed by all who enter the Lodge.

Some masonic brothers of high intellectual culture, who have made masonic history and symbolism an almost life-long study, characterize much instruction as "ritualism," "parrotism," etc., apparently supposing that every plain unassuming man who becomes a Master of a Lodge can talk upon these subjects as glibly as themselves.

This kind of instruction, though most desirable and interesting to the student, is, after all, but the elimination and expansion of our RITUAL, which is

the foundation and embodiment of the whole system, and which is like the deep and strong foundations upon which the operative mason rears his superstructurer It is what we prove each other by, and nothing can be *substituted* for it. The experience of the deputies reports my own, and further reveals the fact that generally none but the best working Lodges, or those that desire to become so, will will voluntarily seek instruction; while those that most need it, that have the most to criticise, and most neglect the essential requirements of a good Lodge, seldom put themselves in the way of correction.

For this evil some have recommended more stringent legislation. My own convictions are that it is not necessary or expedient. Our Grand Lodge has been very lenient heretofore with delinquents, seldom rigidly enforcing penalties for violations of its regulations, treating them rather with charity, as not *willfully* disobedient. So long as this can be with safety to our instruction, doubtless it is best; and I trust the day is far distant when any Lodge shall require to be coerced to do its duty."

The Grand Secretary submits a report in which he states that there are one hundred and ninety-six volumes in the library of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no organization, except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, has any authority or power to establish or control blue Lodges in the state of Louisiana.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expresses the hope that the recognition of *any* organization except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as having any authority or power in or over blue Lodges in the State of Louisiana, by the Grand Orient of France, will be speedily reversed.

We notice an announcement of the expulsion of Bro. Nelson N. Barrett, former representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. His commission has been revoked by our Grand Master.

Memorial pages are inscribed to Bro. Elizur Goodrich, P. G. M., aged 81 years. Thos. H. Seymour, and W. Allyn Goodwin, the latter aged 72 years.

Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is written in the usual happy style of the author.

We make the following extracts:

We have prepared a table of statistics, which has been gathered from the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges, showing the strength and importance of the institution throughout our borders, and although it is not as complete as might be, if all the different Grand Lodges would be more particular in furnishing full statistics, yet sufficient information has been obtained to show that Masonry is attaining a gigantic position in the United States. We have, at the present time, upwards of 7,000 Lodges in active operation, with an aggregate membership of 430,072, with an annual increase of about 50,000. The annual dues to Grand Lodges, so far as have been reported, amount to the

sum of $282,138.09. And when we consider that the reports from which these figures are taken, are most of them, the year 1868, and many as far back as 1867, and that the increase has been continuing from that time to the present, at the rate of about 50,000 annually, we think we can safely estimate the present number at 500,000. With these figures before us, we may truly say, "We are a nation of Free-masons!" and should the principles which are inculcated extend with our membership, and be forcibly impressed upon the minds of initiates, so that they would practice them, the institution would be the promoter of much good, and bring no discredit upon us, as a nation. * * * *

Masonry has a mission to perform which will continue while time shall last; a mission which will never be ended so long as the principles inculcated in that Great Light, are necessary for the welfare and happiness of man. The storm clouds may continue to gather; the darkness thicken; and storms beat, but the Genius Masonry will ride the storm triumphant and unharmed, bearing foremost, and uppermost, that "Great Light," which is the anchor of our hopes, both sure and steadfast; and "teaches truth which alone is unchangeable and everlasting." Our institution has stood the test of ages, whether the opinion of the world has been good or bad. Empires and Kingdoms have risen, and crumbled into decay; secret societies have been formed, flourished for a time, and vanished like the morning dew; yet nothwithstanding all the vicissitudes and changes of time; notwithstanding the many persecutions with which our Order has been obliged to contend, it still lives, with principles as pure and spotless as when founded by our Fathers, and will continue, until the sun and moon shall be blotted from the blue arch of heaven; and the Death Angel has gathered the last sheaf into the Grand Lodge above."

M. W., Amos E. Cobb, of Norwich, was elected Grand Master and R. W., Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of initiations, 943; number advanced to the degree of F. C., 900; number advanced to the degree of M. M., 881; number admitted, 102; number dimitted, 220; number died, 148; number suspended, 9; number expelled, 8; number reinstated, 3; number rejected, 406; number of Masons, 12,784. Amount of dues from initiations at $1.50, $1,414.50.

DELAWARE.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Wilmington, June 28th, 1869—M. W., Edwin J. Horner, Grand Master, presiding; seventeen Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is a brief account of his official transactions.

The death of Past Dep. Gr. Master, Wm. Graves, aged 54 years, is announced.

In the absence of a detailed report on Foreign Correspondence the committee say in acknowledging the receipt of Proceedings of other Grand Lodges—

"These Proceedings cover several thousand pages—a very large portion is devoted to the Addresses of Grand Masters, and the Reports of committees on Foreign Correspondence. These Addresses contain much that is interesting and instructive, would repay the Masonic inquirer for the time expended in reading them. The talent displayed by the Chairman of the Correspondence Committees is of a high order, and worthy of all commendation. These Proceedings bear ample evidence of the successful workings of the craft. Prosperity and harmony exist in all the jurisdictions, except Lonisiana and New York; the latter still is troubled with a body of Lodges, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, contrary to the spirit and intent of Masonic Law and usage. The trouble in the former jurisdiction will be fully set forth in another part of this report.

"The business transacted by our sister Grand Lodges, being principally of a local nature, we shall, therefore, under proper heads, draw the attention of this Grand Lodge to such matters, as require consideration and action, without furnishing a special review of each."

The remaining portion of the report is devoted to the District of Columbia, Idaho and to the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing the spurious "Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. Rite in and for the sovereign State of Louisiana."

The Grand Master and Bro. J. P. Allmond, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 100; Passed, 94; Raised, 93; Admitted, 13; Rejected, 25; Withdrawn, 12; Suspended, 102; Expelled, 20; Deaths, 1; Masons, 930.

JURISPRUDENCE.

We copy some of the Grand Master's decisions.

I received a communication from the W. M. of Harmony Lodge, No. 13, asking if his Lodge ought to consent to a resident of their place being made a Mason under another jurisdiction.

My answer to this was, that in my opinion his Lodge should not give their consent to the person alluded to, to be made a Mason in Maryland; that he was only a sojurner in that State, his residence being in Delaware, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the same. His application to be made a Mason should be to a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and to a Lodge nearest to his residence, where he is best known.

The vote on an applicant's election can not be reconsidered. But when the Lodge come to vote on conferring the degrees, if there is one negative vote cast, the applicant could not be advanced; that a vote to advance to any of the degrees of Masonry should be as unanimous as that on a petition.

I received a communication from a member of Jackson Lodge, No. 19, asking if a Master of a Lodge has a legal right to reject the petition of an applicant; and if it would be unlawful to present the same petition at the next communication of the Lodge.

To the first question my answer was, that the Master of a Lodge has the right to refuse to entertain a petition; and to the second question, that the application could be renewed at any regular communication of the Lodge, provided there was nothing in the By-Laws of the Lodge that prohibits its renewal.

Can a Junior Deacon dimit from one Lodge to join another in the same place; and Second, can any appointed officer dimit from a Lodge voting yea.

To the first question my answer was, that it was my opinion that a Junior Deacon could dimit from his Lodge, for the following reason: The Deacons are appointed officers in the Lodge, and not elected and installed to fill the office of Deacon for any definite time, as the Master and Wardens of a Lodge are.

To the second question, can any appointed officer dimit from his Lodge, the Lodge voting yea. My answer was, that he could, for the same reasons as above given.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge holds the practice of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in permitting her Subordinates to initiate, pass and raise non-residents, to be an act of injustice to sister jurisdictions, as well as a great injury to Masonry generally. And that if this course is persisted in this Grand Lodge will be under the necsssity of suspending Masonic intercourse with said Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have the Proceedings of several Special Communications of this Grand Lodge, also the Semi-Annual Communication, May 5th, 1868. M. W. B. B. French, Grand Master, presiding. From his address on this occasion we extract the following excellent sentiments.

Let us remember that although we are brethren we are men, and subject to all the frailities of humanity. That we may all err, for it is the characteristic of mortality; and while we know that "to err, is human," let us never forget the remainder of the poet's sentiment, "to forgive, divine."

The time will never come on this earth, until the arrival of the millenium, when men will not be found going wrong. We are all the subjects of passion, of prejudice, of indiscretion. If we mean to live harmoniously, we must exercise charity, we must subdue passion, and we must look upon the failings of our fellow men, and especially of our Brothers, as to be forgiven instead of to be reproached and trumpeted to the world.

"Then gently scan your brother man,
And gentler sister woman,
Though ye may gang a kenning wrang,
To step aside is human."

This was said by a poet and a brother Mason; and now, when we cannot disguise the fact feelings do exist among the brethren of this jurisdiction that are not creditable to the Craft, let us all strive to overcome them ourselves, and to earnestly inculcate the sentiments expressed in these quotations, and cast the mantle of charity and forgiveness over the errors of our misguided Brethren.

Special Communication, May 20th. 1868, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Washington City. Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, P. G. M. of Illinois, delivered a "very able and instructive address," not published.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication was held Nov. 3rd, 1868. The Grand Master presiding, sixteen Lodges represented. The Annual address is very brief owing to absence from the city, constant engagements and indisposition of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master in declining a re-election says:

I take the liberty to say, that I do not believe any individual Freemason has been more highly honored than I have by the brethren of this jurisdiction; and for the confidence they have reposed in me for so many years; for the kindness they have ever manifested toward me; for the respect they have always exhibited; and for the brotherly love they have ever bestowed upon me, they have my sincere gratitude, and the warm thanks of my heart.

My feelings of thankfulness, kindness, and affection toward them all, will go down with me to my grave, and will live, I hope and believe, as long as the immortal spirit, implanted in this earthly tenement, shall exist.

Thanks—thanks—thanks—my brethren, to you all. And may the God of Heaven bless, prosper, and protect you.

Bro. D. B. Searle, Grand Visitor and Lecturer presented a report of his operations in which he makes the following wise suggestion.

I have been favorably impressed with the effect of requiring the initiated to become familiar with the workings of the institution before advancement. A longer probation, a more thorough knowledge of the laws, principles, and designs of the institution as is now required before advancement to the higher degrees, adds largely to the interest, and as a result, we have brighter Masons, although perhaps not as many, a larger attendance at our meetings, and, finally, a general elevation of the object of our institution.

M. W., R. B. Donaldson was elected Grand Master and R. W. Noble D. Larner re-elected Grand Secretary.

Installation Communication, Dec. 28th, 1868.

The Grand Master, Bro. French delivered a brief address. He says:

And now, my brethren, I occupy the station of your Grand Master *probably* for the last time. I say "probably," because, if, when I laid down the gavel

sixteen years ago, any one had prophesied that I should ever take it up again, I should most assuredly have pronounced him a false prophet. And, although it is exceedingly improbable that you will ever call me again to the Grand East, the past has shown that it is not impossible.

The brethren of the District of Columbia should congratulate themselves upon having among them a brother of such distinguished abilities as P. G. M. French, whose services they can command.

A brief report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. M. C. Baxter, only a few Grand Lodges noticed, owing to absence from the city and professional engagements.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized.

The following resolution suggested by the publication in the Washington *Chronicle* of articles on Masonry, was adopted.

Resolved, That no brother shall write for, or publish in, any public newspaper, any communication that may reflect upon the Masonic Fraternity or any member or members thereof, or give an information to such newspapers concerning the internal affairs of the Masonic Fraternity in this jurisdiction, (except notices of furnerals of deceased brethren, and meetings of Lodges, stated and special, said notices not to specify the particular work to be done, but simply to call the Lodges together,) under the penality of Masonic discipline.

The Grand Officers elect were installed. The newly elected Grand Master on the occasion of his installation, delivered an admirable address from which we copy.

Masonry comes to us who now minister in her Temple as a solemn trust from our brethren of the past, from those who clung to her in misfortune, sustained and defended her against the assults of ignorance and prejudice, and who preserved, through ages, the universality of her her doctrines and the unity of her peculiar rites and ceremonies.

We behold her, grand in design, beautiful in proportions, rich in accumulated store of wisdom, gathered along the path of time over which centuries have rolled. We see her vestments glittering with the jewels of truth. Her mission the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men! She stands in the world of to-day a recognized exponent of principles whose purity none can question—as a great power whose influence for good is felt among all nations, and an organization so perfect as to render powerless any assults to which it may be subjected in the future.

To preserve her purity, to extend the sphere of her usefulness, to be ourselves the exemplars of her virtues; to transmit unimpaired to our sucessors, in all its beauty and integrity, the sublime system and perfect organization as it was transmitted to us, is our work—our duty.

Let us then, my brethren, resolve to labor with increased earnestness during the Masonic year upon which we are now about entering, so that if our Su-

preme Grand Master permit us to witness its close, we may be able to mark the progress we have made in disseminating truth among men, and in confirming in ourselves a warmer love for the principles by which we, as Masons, profess to be guided. Let us remember that our work as Masons is not to be confined exclusively to the Lodge-room. The holy sphere of brotherly love, charity, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, which surrounds us there, should follow us into the world, and come forth in the acts of our daily lives among our fellow-men. And just in the measure in which we *force* ourselves to *practice* the principles of Masonry, will our love for them increase. Without the *practice* knowledge is of no service to us, for it is not the intellectual perception of moral or spiritual principles which causes to be erected within us that spiritual edifice alluded to in some of the first lessons in Masonry. Nay, it is not in the power of any amount of truth, if it but reaches the understanding, and does not effect the life, to add one hair's breadth to *that* temple. But every unselfish act of good performed for our fellow-men, every evil tendency in our own hearts held in subjection by the power of the truth within us, serves to add another stone, properly squared and fitted, And as we thus lay the foundation of our future spiritual temple in "wisdom, strength, and beauty," the waves of evil within and around us will have less and less power to shake it, or to interrupt the steady progress we are making in its erection.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 225; Passed, 244; Raised, 289; Affiliated, 56; Reinstated, 41; Withdrawn, 105; Died, 23; Dropped for non-payment of dues, 166; Suspended, 1; Expelled, 1; Rejected, 92; Master Masons, 2,380.

FLORIDA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Tallahassee 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th of January, 1868.

M. W., Henry J. Stewart, Grand Master, appeared and took his station, at the evening session.

The annual address does credit to its author. He, thus addresses the brethren.

Let us remember that as light emanates from the sun, and, reflected by the lesser bodies revolving around it, illuminates the world, so should we think and speak, conduct and deport ourselves that light may emanate from this Grand Body by which, when reflected by the lesser bodies (the subordinates) revolving around it, this entire Grand Jurisdiction may become illuminated.

He announces the deaths of P. G. M., Thos. Brown and Bro. Fred'k

C. Barret, Past D. G. M., and J. Wayles Baker, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Of Bro. Brown, he says:

Our much esteemed, dearly beloved, and venerable brother, P. G. M,, Thos. Brown, is no more. His accustomed place is not filled. The chair so long occupied by him on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is vacant. He who has labored so long in the quarries, and exhibited so often such fine specimens of exquisite workmanship, has laid aside his working tools. The sound of his trowel has ceased, for he has "gone to that bourne from whence no traveler can return." Our worthy brother, full of years and full of Masonic honors, died at Tallahassee on the 24th day of August last, and, if I mistake not, in his eighty-third year. Bro. Brown was one of the founders of this Grand Lodge, being one of the delegates from Jackson Lodge, No. 1, at its organization in July, 1830.

We cannot too strongly commend the following excellent sentiments of the Grand Master.

We are taught in our Masonic infancy to live soberly, to be temperate, in short, to avoid intemperance. Are we living up to this teaching when we make so frequent use of the intoxicating bowl? Brethren, it is a dangerous, un-Masonic vice. Let us beware, then, and "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing," Profane swearing is a vice. By reference to the Book, one of our Great Lights, we find that we are not to "take the name of the Lord in vain." Violating the holy Sabbath is also a vice. In that same Book are we strictly enjoined to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Gambling is and offence, not only against Masonry, but it is made a high crime by our Legislature. Statute after statute has been enacted to punish and put down this detestable vice. These vices are in direct violation of the holy commands of the Almighty, forbidden by the laws of our State, and condemned by the laws and edicts of Masonry. Then, brethren, may we not, can we not, once again make the effort to devise some plan by which these vices may be abolished among the members of our noble fraternity?

Allow me to direct your attention to another evil which I very much fear prevails to a great extent within this Grand Jurisdiction. It is the zeal among Subordinate Lodges for accumulating members. Several Lodges in the past year have surrendered their Charters, others have had serious difficulties and troubles to encounter, the causes of which can be traced directly back to the admission of numerous unworthy members. Let us take this subject into consideration in order to devise some remedy for the evil.

The Grand Master issued Dispensations for four new Lodges during the year.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins of Marianna was elected Grand Master and R. W., Hugh A. Corley, of Tallahassee, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Raised, 225; Admitted, 113; Reinstated, 11; Withdrawn, 145; Died, 30; Stricken from Roll, 121; Suspended, 9; Expelled, 8; Initiated, 234; Rejected, 90; Present Membership, 1,783.

JURISPRUDENCE.

When a member of a Particular Lodge is definitely suspended, upon the expiration of the term of suspension he is restored to full membership without a vote of the Lodge.—(January 15, 1868.)

When the charter of a Lodge is surrendered, property rights follow, of which are arrearages of dues, the payment of which to the Grand Lodge by delinquents is a full discharge, and should be so acknowledged by a proper receipt, and places the party in the same standing as if said dues had been paid to the Particular Lodge of which he was originally a member.—(January 16, 1868.)

The Annual Communication for 1869, was held in Tallahassee January 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

M. W., DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Master, presiding. About forty Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is practical and well written.

Upon a question about which diversity of opinion exists, the Grand Master says.

The practice in some Lodges of requiring Masons to sign the By-Laws, as an act constituting membership, is, in my opinion, erroneous, and is not therefore void of consequences. 1st. It engenders the erroneous idea that a Mason is not a member of the Fraternity (Lodge) until he signs the By-Laws. 2d. It tends to weaken the moral force of the solemn injunctions resting upon a Mason, to support and obey all the legitimate regulations of the Fraternity, written and unwritten, which attach to his primitive Masonic character. 3d. It gives rise to an unnecessary diversity of opinion as to when membership begins, a subject originally of easy solution. I dare say that no one will pretend that the Masonic Fraternity has any judicial jurisdiction over the moral conduct of any individual who has no connection with the Order; and certainly no Mason will deny that it has jurisdiction over Entered Apprentices; and as jurisdiction only attaches to membership, that relation begins with initiation; and a Mason's duties and obligations, and consequent privileges and benefits, increase step by step as he advances in the Order. With these views of the subject, the singing of the By-Laws for the purpose indicated is of no validity or practical utility, and should therefore be discontinued. But the Secretary of every Lodge should keep a roll of the members. in their own proper handwriting.

He concludes with the following remarks:

In conclusion, brethren, let me ask, For what are we here? Some Masons seem to think that the election of Grand Officers is the most important, if not the sole purpose of the annual assembling of Masons in Grand Lodge; while, in truth, that is perhaps the least. It matters not who fill your stations of honor and trust, so they are good Masons, eligible, efficient, and true. Let,

therefore, no personal ambitions engage your attention or consume your valuable time. You are not called here for anything fleeting, frivolous, or vain, but you are here for the more noble purpose of propagating the genuine principles of an Institution hoary with centurial ages, honored with crowns of of famous laurels of wisdom and virtue, and whose Heaven-blessed mission is the moral and intellectual elevation of man, by enlarging his views of the law of relation; and this by means of forcibly inculcating the necessities and advantages of scientific education; and thereby to aid him in that preparation which is so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the Holy City that hath no need of the sun by day, nor of the moon at night. The Temple of God is there, and Infinite Majesty is the light thereof.

Three new Lodges were organized under Dispensation during the year.

A brief, but eloquent oration was pronounced by Bro. S. M. G. Garey, Grand Orator. We give the following beautiful thoughts a place in our report.

"France has her lily, Scotland her thistle, and Ireland her shamrock. The bloody revolutions of England under the red and white roses, symbolized the bitter hate and burning passion existing between the contending factions. Jerusalem joyfully welcomed the Saviour with hosannas of praise, as the palm leaf was scattered before his path. The stalwart arm of the victor in the chariot race at Rome, proudly bore the palm. The soldier of Greece inspired material ardor in the crowning laurel The din of battle hushed in the olive branch of peace, and the memory of the cherished dead lived in the mourning cypress. In past pages, the Great Unknown was typified and worshipped by the benighted heathen through symbolical representatives. It is in our day that we are privileged to worship the ever living God in spirit and truth, through revealed light. It is in Him our trust and faith are well founded, and to Him we look for the crown of glory and the bliss of the immortal soul. Then, brethren, cherish the sprig of Acacia, as symbolizing the immortality of the soul, and the bliss of that immortality in the temple of the Great Master.

This hope should urge us to strengthen the bonds of our union, and with steadfast faith to adhere to the tenets and amenities of Masonry. When you go forth in the morning of life, strong and vigorous, renew the guardianship of Masonic virtues; and as you pass through the active duties of manhood, cherish sacredly the truths of divine light. Then, in the evening of life, when admonished of death, you will be consoled in the pleasing reflection which the sprig of Acacia beautifully symbolizes, that if you continue faithful in your trust you will be raised from the grave by the strong grip of the lion's paw of the tribe of Judah, to that temple of celestial light and immortal bliss eternal in the heavens. So mote it be.

A page is set apart in the Proceedings to the memory of P. G. M., Thos. Hayward, who died January 19th, 1868, aged 71 years. He was one of the most faithful and useful members of the Grand Lodge.

A voluminous report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Dawkins, which, he reports, will be printed as soon as practicable.

M. W., Samuel B. Stephens, of Quincy was elected Grand Master and R. W., DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. M., of Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 164; Raised, 114; Admitted, 74; Reinstated, 39; Expelled, 6; Suspended, 1; Stricken from Roll, 164; Rejected, 78; Dimited, 115; Died, 44; Whole number of Members, 1,902.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Resolved, That when there are two or more Lodges in the same city, in this Grand Jurisdiction, their jurisdiction for all local purposes is concurrent, and each shall notify the other, or others, of the reception or rejection of all petitions for initiation, and of all affiliations.

GEORGIA.

This Grand Lodge convened in Annual Communication, October 27th, 1868. M. W., John Harris, Grand Master, presiding. About two hundred and seventeen Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and interesting.

The Grand Master does not speak encouragingly of the condition of things in his Jurisdiction. He says :

As harmony and the practice of charity and brotherly love are essential to the peace and prosperity of our Institution, it affords me great pleasure to be enabled to report to you that the glad tidings of harmony, peace and prosperity existing with the Fraternity come to us with the kindest fraternal greetings from foreign jurisdictions, and from all our sister Grand Lodges. Within our own jurisdiction, I regret to state, that there has been and some discord still exists with the brethren, in some of the Lodges. Political excitement producing contentions—exciting personal animosity; and bitter, vindictive feelings have, in many instances, disturbed the peace and harmony of the Lodges, causing many of the brethren to forget their obligations to one another, and even that they were Masons. It is to be hoped, however, that by the good example and wise counsel of the more prudent brethren, and by time, patience and perseverancce these excited and ungovernable passions will be controlled, and their evil consequences be removed.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters indicate diligence on their part, in the discharge of the duties of their positions. They complain of a want of uniformity of work in the Lodges. The Grand Lodge, however, adopted measures to remedy this evil.

The Grand Lodge has under its supervision a flourishing institution of learning styled the "Southern Masonic Female College." In reading the reports of the Executive Committee and President of the College, we are gratified at the prospects of its success. Its noble

charity feature is a source of blessing to many of the unfortunate who annually receive the benefit of free tuition.

Bro. Geo. L. Barry, Grand Lecturer, in his report says:

Since the close of the last communication of the Grand Lodge, I have visited a number of Lodges, and take great pleasure in repeating what I then said: that the Lodges generally, with a few exceptions, were in a more healthy and prosperous condition, exhibiting greater vigilance in the preservation of their moral condition. I found more strict attention paid in applying the necessary discipline against unworthy members; much more vigilance is exercised in the investigation of the character and qualifications of applicants for admission. I think, upon inspection, that there will be found to have been more rejections than usual. One great incubus, nay, a positive curse, weighing down and crushing out the prosperity of the Lodges, is the wilful and disgraceful refusal of many of the members to pay their annual dues. This growing evil can only be cured by the Lodges, and so long as they consent to endure the burden they must abide the consequences.

Bro. Barry, from ill health, was compelled to surrender his office. The Grand Lodge, in a substantial manner, expressed its appreciation of his long and faithful services to the craft.

The Committee on Communications submitted a report from which we extract the following and which we publish for information.

A paper which purports to be a communication from three persons of the colored race, who designate themselves as a committee of Eureka Lodge, No. 11, in the city of Savannah, working under what they term a charter from one "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts," commonly called the African Grand Lodge. The object of said communication, as well as can be gathered from the document itself, is to learn the feelings of this Grand Lodge towards themselves and their so-called lodge, and to ask our counsel in reference to the organization of a colored Grand in this State.

Your Committee would prefer to treat this communication with a dignified silence, but as it has been referred to them, they have felt it a duty to give it a passing notice, by informing these persons that we cannot now, or ever hereafter, acknowledge them to be A. Y. Masons, or hold any Masonic intercourse whatever with them. We know of no such Lodge as the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." We are in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and know nor recognize any other Grand Lodge in that State, and that Grand Body, we are confident, would not trespass upon the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by granting a charter to any body of men, white or black, within our bounds. Without referring, in any manner, to what is likely, at no distant day, to be a vexed question with the Masonic fraternity throughout the United States, viz.: Negro Masonry, we close the subject by quoting Section 3, of Article 1, of our Grand Constitution, which is in these words: "No Lodge can exist, or exercise any Masonic privilege or duty in this State without the sanction of this Grand Lodge, either by warrant or dispensation, duly granted for that purpose.

And all convocations or assemblies of persons, calling themselves Lodges of Free-masons, and assuming to exercise the duties, or perform the ceremonies of Free-masonry in this State, of either or all of the three Symbolic Degrees, without the sanction of this Grand Lodge first had or obtained, are hereby declared to be spurious and clandestine, and of no Masonic authority whatever."

Bro. Samuel Lawrence presented a full and able report on Foreign Correspondence. [We thank him for his kind and fraternal notice of us Gr. Sec.]

M. W., Bro. Samuel Lawrence of Marietta, was elected Grand Master and R. W., Bro. Simri Rose, of Macon, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We find no table of Statistics.

We are pained to record the death of R. W., Bro. Simri Rose, Grand Secretary, aged 71 years. This lamented brother, for more than twenty years, performed faithful service to the Grand Lodge, as Grand Secretary. We sympathize with our brethren in Georgia in their loss.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Grand Secretary *ad interim.*

IDAHO.

The first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Idaho City, commencing June 22d, 1868.

R. W., Geo. W. Paul, D. G. M., presiding. Five Lodges represented.

The Grand Master was present at the afternoon session and delivered his address. It was brief, but "to the point."

He concludes:

Our Grand Lodge having been organized so recently, and as, I am happy to state, such harmony has prevailed among the Craft within the jurisdiction, that I have been called upon to decide but few questions of Masonic Law. I regret, however, that I am unable to lay before the Grand Lodge, my correspondence with the several Lodges in the jurisdiction and the decisions made by me, for the reason that all the papers were destroyed by the fire of the 19th inst.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W., Geo. H. Coe and R. W., P. E. Edmondson, both of Idaho City, were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

This Grand Lodge has on its roll, five flourishing Lodges.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of this body be required to have a life-sized photograph taken of themselves, as soon as practicable after their installation, for this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same upon presentation of an order by the Grand Secretary, who is hereby authorized to draw the same.

Our young sister has made a good beginning in every direction and we wish her abundant prosperity.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 54; Passed, 58; Raised, 60; Affiliated, 33; Withdrawn, 27; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 2; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 2; Expelled, 1; Died, 3; Rejected, 56; Master Masons, 225.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Commnnication of this Grand Lodge was held in Springfield, October 6th and 7th, 1868.

M. W., Jerome R. Gorin, Grand Master, presiding. About four hundred and thirty Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, thus addressed the Grand Lodge.

We have met again in Annual Grand Communication, without any conflicting interests to disturb the harmony of our deliberations. We meet, I trust, "in the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace." In view of these facts, and in harmony with my own feelings, and, I have no doubt, with yours also, I deem it highly appropriate to repeat in your hearing that good old psalm, so familiar to you all: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; it is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." This psalm seems to me more beautiful than it ever did before, and in repeating it, the tender chords of the heart are moved, and vibrate as they are touched by the beauteous sentiment; and the swelling breezes from heaven, as they glide gently along, catch the inspiration, and the soul is filled with sweet music, rich with melodious sounds, causing our entire emotional nature to be moved while contemplating that God is Love.

Dispensations for thirty-six new Lodges had been issued during the year.

Of Bro. Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, the Grand Master, speaks as follows, which we heartily endorse.

Our R. W. Grand Secretary, after a zealous and faithful service of eighteen years, has decided to retire from the office he has graced and the position he has so ably filled. * * * * All his labors have been directed to building up the Fraternity and promoting the honor of this Grand Lodge. It has been a mistaken idea that his heaviest labors were during our sessions. They have, instead, been unintermitted, by night and by day, throughout the whole year, especially since his residence in Springfield, until he has earned, among all the Grand Secretaries in the United States, the highest place for industry, records, proceedings, statistics, and reports. During the first years of his service, he was scantily paid, as well as during the term of the late war. His reputation, fame, and character belong to us, and some fitting and substantial testimonial should be given him by this grand body.

Bro. J. C. Reynolds, Historian, has compiled a history of the Grand Lodge and the work having received the endorsement of the Grand Lodge, arrangements have been made for its publication.

Receipt, $22,873.67. Disbursements, $20,806.01.

The following regulations were adopted.

That in lieu of clerk hire, office rent, fuel, etc., as at present allowed to the Grand Master, he be allowed a sum of $1,000, besides his necessary traveling, postage, stationery, and telegraph expenses.

That the Grand Secretary be allowed as salary, the sum of two thousand dollars per annum, and clerk hire as at present.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show a satisfactory state of things among the Lodges in the jurisdiction. The Lodges are alive to the importance of a standard work and, are conforming to the "true work of the State."

Bro. Reynolds, the Grand Secretary is the author of the report on Foreign Correspondence which is quite a lengthy and able document.

M. W., Bro. Harman G. Reynolds, was elected Grand Master, a distinction meritoriously and wisely conferred, and R. W., Bro. Orlin H. Miner, was elected Grand Secretary, both of Springfield.

The Proceedings contain much of intsrest which we would like to notice if tim eand space permitted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Resident Membership, 28,262; Non-Resident Membership, 1,967—30,229; Entered Apprentices, 2,526; Fellow Crafts, 1,296; Non-Affiliated, 1,094; Rejected, 1,681; Initiated, 3,971; Passed, 3,678; Raised, 3,572; Admitted, 1,046; Restored, 102; Died, 250; Demitted, 1,841; Expelled, 81; Suspended, 341; Net Increase, 2,152.

JURISPRUDENCE.

That hereafter no definite suspension shall be ordered for a longer time than twelve months, and a majority of two-thirds of all votes cast shall be necessary to fix the duration of the suspension.

Resolved, That no Lodge acting under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall hereafter receive any petition for membership by degrees, unless such petition sets forth that the applicant has (or has not ever made application for admission to any other Lodge.

INDIANA.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Indianapolis, May 25th, 26th and 27th, 1869. M. W., Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, presiding. About three hundred and seventy-six Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master embraces the report on Foreign Correspondence. As the result of his review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, he says:

These I have examined as carefully as the limited time at my disposal would permit; and, while I find much contained therein that would, no doubt, be interesting to you, still I have failed to discover anything requiring any action on the part of this Grand Lodge. It, however, affords me much pleasure to report to you, that an unusual degree of prosperity is reported in the several Grand Jurisdictions. From all quarters come the glad tidings that harmony and brotherly love prevail; that the avenues to Masonry are more closely guarded, that none but the truly worthy and well qualified may find admission into our midst; that throughout our land the standard of excellence is higher; that an increased interest is felt in the Work and Lectures; that the principles and teachings of our beloved Order are becoming better understood; and that there exists among Masons, everywhere, that noble contention—or, rather, emulation—as to who can best work and best agree.

Dispensations to organize twenty-six new Lodges were granted during the year.

The Grand Master announced in fitting terms the deaths of the following brethren; Phillip Mason, P. G. M., aged 76 years and R. W. Andrew J. Holmes, J. G. Warden. Suitable mourning pages are dedicated to their memory and, also to R. W., Hugh Cannon, Past J. G. Warden, aged 70 years.

In the address we notice the following:

On May 1st, I was informed that Hiram Lodge, No. 42, had initiated a candidate with but one leg. I immediately appointed R. W. Bro. John M. Bramwell, to visit the Lodge, and take such action as required by Rule 83. The report of Brother Bramwell shows that, on the 10th instant, he arrested the Charter, and appointed Bro. Christian Fetta to take charge of the effects of said Lodge. This case seems to be a wilful violation of the Ancient Landmarks, and is but a repetition of what occurred last year. I would suggest whether it is not about time to establish a precedent that shall prevent such things in future.

A Committee to whom this subject was referred, fully and correctly sustains the Grand Master in his action in the case.

The Grand Master dwells at lenght upon the importance of uniformity of work and lectures in his jurisdiction. He says:

I should feel that I had performed only a part of my duty, should I not call your attention to the subject of Work and Lectures. There is, perhaps, no subject on which some decided action, by the Grand Lodge, is so much required at the present time, as that of uniformity of work in our jurisdiction. Finding a great diversity of opinions in regard to what action has been had heretofore, I have taken the trouble to examine our proceedings on that subject.

Being unable to visit all the Lodges demanding his (the Grand Lecturer's) services, he has called to his assistance many of our well informed brethren, residing in different parts of the State, to whom I have issued authority to

instruct such Lodges as desired their services; requiring in all cases a certificate of qualification from the Grand Lecturer. The regulation authorizing the appointment of District Deputies has never been repealed, and I most earnestly recommend, that you pass a resolution requiring your next Grand Master to appoint a sufficient number to meet the wants of the craft in this jurisdiction. This plan has been adopted by a great many Grand Lodges in the different States, and in all cases has been productive of good. It is no longer an experiment, but having stood the test of many years there can be no doubt as to its utility.

In this connection we publish the report of the committee and resolutions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M.·. W.·. G.·. Master's address as relates to the uniformity of work in this State, would beg leave to report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and are of the opinion that this Grand Lodge has already adopted what is known as the "Webb Work," and that this is now the authorized work of this State, and they believe that this system is now being worked by a majority of the Lodges in the State; but a difference of opinion having arisen as to what is the true Webb Work and the authorized Work of the State, your Committee therefore offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the authorized work of this State is declared to be the "Webb Work," as taught by Thomas Smith Webb to John P. Barney in 1817.*

Whereupon P.·. G.·. M.·. Hazelrigg moved to amend by striking out of the resolution the words and figures: "as taught by Thomas Smith Webb to John P. Barney in 1817." Agreed to. Report as amended adopted.

The following was also adopted:

Rule 153. Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are, however, strictly prohibited from receiving instructions in the esoteric and ceremonial rituals from any one not a member of that particular Lodge, without express permission and authority from the Grand Master, on certificate of qualification from the Grand Lecturer, and any brother so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a Masonic offence, and may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

We commend the following excellent thoughts:

The elements that are necessary in our Fraternity, to the realization and presentment of Masonry, are:

1. Obedience.—This is fundamental, because necessary to the knowledge of unity, and the consciousness of the fact of the one body, under the one Head.

The unity of the solar system is obedience to law, and in this obedience the stars move in their appointed orbits, in beautiful harmony, and in the repose of highest motion, about the central sun—one family, one brotherhood of light, usefulness, and commingled glory.

* It being the ritual and ceremonies as adopted by the District Deputies in 1860, and approved by this Grand Lodge in 1862.

2. Sympathy.—The realization of common origin, and common wants, and common destiny, springs from the consciousness of the common principle, that binds the Brotherhood to the throne of law, and inspires sympathy. If one suffer, all suffer; if one falls, all are weakened; and if one is honored, all are honored. So that the source of Masonic benevolence, gentleness, patience, cheerfulness and joy is in the sympathy that dwells in the family relationship, and the unity of obedience.

3. Activity.—One fundamental point in Masonry is, that it avoids speculation and theoretical problems concerning politics, morals and religion, though by no means placing itself in antagonisms to any form of civil government, or standard of morals, or any Church, and seeks to create activity, by the present and actual wants of the Brotherhood, as those wants rise from the realized relationship of brother to brother, in fraternal intercourse. It exists under all forms of civil governments, and embraces in individuals, all religions and various standards of morals, but makes all harmonize in activities common to all, leaving the rest to individual judgment, guided by the common principle of the Brotherhood of Man, and the Fatherhood of God.

But with all the rich symbolism, all the beautiful ritual, and holy associations, and bright words and works of the Brotherhood, the practical test must ever be met by us, what good, what fruits, what elements of worth, are actually given to the world by Masonry?

Brethren, we should speak modestly, and study to make the institution of Masonry an almoner in this rapidly advancing age.

More is required of Masonry in each succeeding generation, and her history should grow brighter, with every newly recorded page of her growth and extension. The great fact of the Brotherhood of Man is becoming the sublime fact of the age; and the mission of this institution is becoming more and more widely known and acknowledged year by year. We should know our mission, and present it faithfully and practically to the world. We should be obedient to the Law of the household, and all legitimate authority. We should be kind to each other, and gentle and patient in the administration of discipline. We should be active with the busy hum of Masonic activity, and see that our Masonic Temple now so rapidly rising in this Western Country, may be beautiful to behold in its accumulating splendor, as it springs from chaos, without strife or contention, the residence of Shekinah glory, amid the songs of the morning stars, and the rejoicings of the faithful builders.

We should especially be governed by the power that is redeeming and saving the world; the power of love, love like our Father's love. For then shall we truly show all men that the Lodge is a home, a sweet retreat, a place where the family gather around the family altar, to hold sweet fellowship, and receive the needed counsel, and the needed help, to make the pathway of life the pathway of excellence and blessing; the pathway that opens beyond the earth,

"Into the Brotherhood of Heaven,
The Temple of our God above."

Receipts $19,816.14. Disbursements $20,749.43, overdrawn $933,29.

The Grand Master and Bro. J. M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Total initiated for 1868, 2301; passed, 2183; raised, 2183; affiliated, 721; reinstated, 117; died, 189; dimited, 1321; suspended, 311; expelled, 79; number of members, 21,205.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Resolved, That the payment of all dues for which a brother may stand expelled, or a majority vote of all the members present of the Lodge inflicting the penalty of suspension or expulsion, for any other cause, shall restore the brother to all the rights and privileges of a non-affiliated Mason, but it shall require a unanimous ballot to restore to membership in the Lodge any brother so suspended or expelled for any cause whatever.

We therefore recommend that Rule 32 be amended so as to read as follows:

Rule 32. No brother shall hereafter be eligible to election to the office of W.·. Master, unless he shall have been previously duly elected, installed and served either as a Warden or W.·. Master of a legally constituted Lodge, or been appointed and served as such in a Lodge under Dispensation.

That the rights and benefits of Masonry attach to all Master Masons in good standing, wherever they may travel or go, regardless of the country or clime from whence he come.

That among these inalienable rights is that of the Honor of Masonic funeral which he has the privilege of choosing while alive, or his next friend for him when he is dead.

That this claim is not made upon a special Lodge but upon Master Masons.

That should he be destitute when taken sick or stricken down, all the expenses connected with his sickness and funeral should be borne by the Master Masons individually, or the Lodge having the jurisdiction in the premises, and that it is not in accordance with Masonic law or precedent to ask the Lodge of his affiliation to pay the expenses.

No charges can be lawfully preferred against a M.·. M.·. while under the sentence of suspension.

A trial cannot lawfully take place except in open Lodge.

A suspended Mason can claim no protection from nor is he subject to the control of a Lodge.

A Lodge can be congregated and opened for public ceremony at any place within its jurisdiction, upon call of the Worshipful Master or presiding Warden only in strictly emergent cases, for the burial of a deceased Master Moson, but everything necessary "to constitute a lodge" must be present.

The burial of the dead is Masonic work, and that Masonic work cannot be performed while a Lodge is at refreshment, and as "none but Master Masons are entitled to Masonic burial, and none but Master Masons can be permitted to assist at the burial service," consequently the Lodge should be opened on the third degree during such work.

IOWA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Davenport, June 1st, 2d and 3d, 1869.

M. W. Reuben Mickel, Grand Master presiding. One hundred and forty-five Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is an able review of his official acts. He says:

Through the favor of Heaven we have again been permitted to assemble in Grand Annual Communication, to take into consideration the things that make for the peace and prosperity of our institution. We assemble here again, on this the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Grand Lodge existence, rejoicing that the same beneficent power which has built up the state of Iowa, and endowed it so wonderfully with the elements of greatness, has not forgotten us, but has made the "handful of corn" cast into the fruitful soil of our state, a quarter of a century ago, now "wave like Lebanon." Ours, my brethren, has been a wonderful, an unexampled growth. Less than forty years ago—within the memory of many of us—the state of Iowa was an almost unknown land. True, wonderful tales had crossed our river of "bright fields beyond the swelling flood," awaiting the husbandman, and inviting him to enter and take possession; but only here aud there had a few restless spirits entered. Now, how changed! Everywhere, all over our beautiful state, are the busy homes of thriving men; villages and even cities have sprung up as if by magic, and the wonderful "Tales of the Arabian Nights" have seemed to become less incredible than the prosaic details of our daily life. Not less wonderful has been the advance of our institution. Twenty-five years ago, *four* weak Lodges, with a total membership of only one hundred and one, met and planted the shoot which has grown and flourished beyond their most sanguine expectations, and beneath whose wide-spread branches we to-day find pleasant and congenial homes. To-day the Grand Lodge of Iowa has grown into an association of two hundred and thirty-two chartered Lodges, with an aggregate membership of over ten thousand—men whom the ancient constitutions require shall be "good and true men, free-born and of mature and discreet age, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report."

Masonry, to be other than a shame and reproach, must be a living, vital principle, pervading our character, and influencing our daily lives in all our intercourse with each other and with the world. It is so far interwoven with religion, and partakes so much of its character, that to profess its sublime principles, and at the same time to live in practical disregard and contempt of them, can only be followed by a starvation of our better natures—a sinking into a dismal depth of practical infidelity and self-contempt. As it has been said that no man can serve two opposing masters, yielding to them both an equal obedience, and an equally faithful service, so no man can take upon himself the vows of a mason and afterward yield himself the willing servant to falsehood, vice and treachery, either in act or word, without bringing down upon his own head the bitter fruits of his own duplicity. I would therefore urge upon you, my brethren, "in the most friendly manner," the necessity of

so living that you can feel at all times you are in heart and soul "worthy masons," remembering that no man can be a FREE-mason who is the bondman of vice or immorality.

Twenty-three Dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

There are several Schools of instruction in this jurisdiction which were visited during the year by P. G. M., E. A. Guilbert, custodian of the work. In his report of his operations he remarks:

The past winter's experience in our Iowa method of teaching the work, has renewed my confidence in the wisdom thereof. I regard these schools as efficient helps, both to a knowledge of the work, and a more thorough acquaintance with the ethics and usages of masonry. From the date of the inception of the work, in Iowa, I have, as is well known, been largely interested in schools of instruction; but never before have my convictions of their usefulness been so intensified as during my pleasant experience of the past winter. In view of the good that has been done in cultivating a healthful sociality and in extending a knowledge of the ritual and the theories of masonry, I do not regret the business sacrifices I was obliged to make, in order to hold these schools.

This method of teachining the work is excellent.

Such a system inaugurated in our own jurisdiction would be an effectual remedy for the evil so long existing among us—the want of uniformity.

The Grand Treasurer's report represents the Grand Lodge as being in a healthy condition financially.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin, presented a lengthy business like report, which shows great care and system in the conduct of the affairs of his office. His Journal of Proceedings gives evidence of a vast amount of labor, well performed. His tables are valuable.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. W. E. Miller. It is a well prepared document. We receive a passing notice.

M. W. John Scott of Nevada, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theo. S. Parvin, of Iowa City was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Lodges Enrolled, 261; Lodges under Dispensation, 1; Lodges Represented, 145; Lodges Organized, 23; Lodges Chartered, 29; Lodges Extinct, 19; Lodges Working, 242; Initiated, 1,594; Passed, 1,413; Raised, 1,381; Admitted, 623; Dimitted, 770; Died, 78; Suspended for "Non-payment of Dues," 94; Suspended for "Offenses," 17; Expelled, 19; Re-instated, 32; Members, 11,463; Grand Lodge Receipts, $7,083.25; Disbursements, $5.720.64.

JURISPRUDENCE.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

Q. Two petitions were presented to our Lodge for initiation, referred and reported upon "*favorably*" by the committee. The Worshipful Master refused

to allow the ballot to be spread, giving as as his reasons that the candidates were not, masonically, of "lawful age." He cited the Lodge to page 19, constitution and by laws of 1866, which fixes the age at 25 years. Was he right or wrong?

A. The Worshipful Master was in error. The section referred to in regulations of 1720 are not in force in Iowa. "Lawful age" in this jurisdiction is 21 years.

A Lodge can only be removed by consent of the Grand Lodge.

The Master of a Lodge cannot declare his Lodge closed in B to hold its next communication in N.

Q. Can the Worshipful Master of a Lodge close the same and legally declare it closed for the remainder of his official term?

A. He might do so if the Lodge should become insubordinate and refuse to comply with his decisions, properly made, and by their conduct trample under foot the groundwork and principles of masonry, or for such causes as would justify taking away from them their charter. But he has no right to do so merely to gratify a personal whim or caprice, or a petty spite toward the Lodge or a portion of its members.

A petition for affiliation cannot be withdrawn after reference and before a ballot though the Lodge may consent.

Q. What should be done with the dimit deposited by an applicant for affiliation, he having been rejected but no charges preferred against him?

A. It should be returned to the rejected brother.

Q. When an applicant for membership has been rejected, and charges are immediately preferred against him, and he is either expelled or suspended, should his dimit be returned to him?

A. No. He is no longer entitled to any evidence of good standing.

Q. Can the Worshipful Master take the charter to another village, within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, and there open a funeral Lodge for the purpose of burying one of his deceased members?

A. Certainly. To hold otherwise would be to deny masonic burial to many worthy masons whose residence is at a distance from the place where the Lodge hall is stationed.

Q. Has a Warden the right to call special meetings of his Lodge, in the absence of the Worspipful Master from the town where the Lodge is located, the Worshipful Master residing some ten miles in the country?

A. When the Worshipful Master is absent beyond the jurisdiction of his Lodge, or is unable, through illness or otherwise, to attend to the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence or inability, the Junior Warden may call such meetings. He has no such right while the Worshipful Master is within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, and capable of attending to his official duties. His residence in the country may make it inconvenient, but does not change the nature of the case.

A Chartered Lodges can try an affiliated brother for offences committed while it was U. D.

Q. Can a brother under charges take a change of venue and have his case tried by another Lodge when satisfied that the members of his Lodge are unduly prejudiced against him?

A. I know of no law, custom or usage authorizing a change of venue in a masonic trial. If aggrieved by the action of his Lodge, his remedy will be by appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Q. Have those who claim to be members of our Lodge, but have never signed the by-laws, a right to take part in the trial of a brother for unmasonic conduct, and vote upon the question of his guilt or innocence?

A. No. They must first sign the by-laws, and an opportunity to do so should be given them at once. Those who decline to avail themselves of the privilege should have their names stricken from the roll of members, and should then be regarded as non-affiliated masons.

Q. A brother applies to his Lodge for a dimit, and a resolution is adopted granting same. He then removes within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, but has not received a certificate from the secretary certifying to his dimission. Can the Lodge granting the dimit, at a subsequent meeting, reconsider the vote upon said resolution, and thus restore him to membership, and prefer charges against him?

A. A Lodge cannot reconsider a vote granting a dimit. The vote of the Lodge granting the dimit dissolves the brother's connection with the Lodge absolutely, and he can be restored to membership only by petition, reference and a unanimous ballot, like any other non-affiliated mason. The secretary's certificate, frequently called a *dimit*, is but the *evidence* of the fact that the Lodge has voted to dismiss the brother from membership.

Q. Two brothers of our Lodge were charged with gross unmasonic conduct—*forgery*, &c. They were tried and found guilty; one was then expelled and the other suspended. Subsequently both were indicted by the grand jury of this county, and the proof of guilt cumulates, and is made clear. In view of these facts. I ask

1. Can we summon the suspended brother for a new trial; or
2. Can the Lodge reconsider the vote inflicting the punishment and vote to expel; or,
3. Ought we to await the issue of the case in the civil courts and be governed by its results?

A. 1. No, unless a new trial should be ordered by the Grand Lodge.

2. Not without special authority.

3. No.

KANSAS.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Lawrence, Oct. 20th, 21st and 22d, 1868.

M. W., M. S. Adams, Grand Master, presiding. Forty-eight Lodges were represented.

Dispensations for nine new Lodges were issued during the year.

In reference to the establishment of a Lodge at Salt Lake City the Grand Master says :

In this connection, I remark, that some time after granting the dispensation for Mt. Moriah Lodge, at Salt Lake City, our R. W. Grand Secretary laid before me a communication from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, with regard to the brethren at Salt Lake City, from which it would appear that the Grand Master of Nevada, a year or two ago, had granted a Dispensation to certain brethren at that place to open a Lodge of Masons, to be known as Mt. Moriah Lodge, and that subsequently the Grand Lodge of that State had refused to grant a Charter to said Lodge, for reasons stated in the aforesaid communication. I have no means of knowing whether these are the same or different brethren from those who made application to the Grand Master of Nevada, and would refer the whole matter to the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.

The Committee to whom this matter was referred reported in favor of a charter and concluded as follows :

The Dispensation was granted to the brethren, (wherein, perhaps, lays the only error under the circumstances,) they have served their probation, their work is approved, and with all due deference to the Grand Lodge objecting, we would recommend that a Charter be granted them.

We cannot favor the action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas in granting the charter if the brethren are the same whose application to Nevada was denied. Perhaps this is the case in which Colorado also denied a charter.

We commend the following sentiments of the Grand Master as worthy of reflection :

I am fully convinced that the lack of harmony in some Lodges is the direct result of the want of a clear understanding of the duties of those brethren on whom the management of the affairs of the Lodge mainly depend. I cannot, therefore, urge too strongly upon the Fraternity, and especially the officers of Lodges, the necessity of making Masonry a study. First of all, the ancient Constitutions and Regulations, in connection with the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, should be made the subject of careful study. When the brethren have made themselves familiar with these, there is little danger of committing serious mistakes in the business transactions of the Lodge. This accomplished, the symbolism of Masonry will be a pleasant and profitable theme, on which the intelligent Mason may spend many an hour with advantage to himself; and, if he be disposed to let his light shine, equal profit to the brethren.

The Grand Master speaks encouragingly of the progress of the Lodges towards uniformity in the established work of the Grand Lodge.

The reports of the Custodians and Grand Lecturer breathe the same spirit.

Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, presented a brief report on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1867 reviewed in a kindly spirit.

M. W., J. H. Brown was elected Grand Master, and R. W., E. T. Carr re-elected Grand Secretary, both of Leavenworth.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Admitted, 201; Initiated, 435; Passed, 385; Raised, 361; Demitted, 157; Suspended, 78; Expelled, 3; Reinstated, 30; Died, 20; Rejected, 157; No. of Members, 2,645; Exempt from Dues, 61.

JURISPRUDENCE.

GRAND MASTERS DECISIONS.

1. The ballot should be spread upon an unfavorable report of the Committee, as it is the right of every member of the Lodge to consent or dissent to the admission of the candidate.

2. Though it is the right of every Mason in good standing in his own Lodge to visit any other Lodge of Masons as he travels through the world, yet, if objection be made by a member present that he cannot sit in the Lodge with the brother proposing to visit, it would be the duty of the Master to exclude the visiting brother, in order to promote harmony.

3. County lines in no manner affect the jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges within the State, each Lodge having jurisdiction in all directions to a point equally distant between that and the nearest Lodge in that direction.

4. A Mason who has received the Past Master's degree in a Chapter, but who has never served as Warden in a Lodge, is not eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge, except in case of a new Lodge, or where, in old Lodge, no one who has previously filled the office of Warden or Master, will consent to serve as Master.

5. A Lodge U. D., to whom the Grand Lodge at its last meeting have granted a charter, have no power to meet as a Lodge and transact any business, or confer degrees, until the Lodge is constituted and its officers installed by competent authority.

6. When charges have been preferred against a brother for unmasonic conduct, those charges cannot be withdrawn except by unanimous consent of the Lodge.

7. The penal jurisdiction of a Lodge extends to all Masons residing within its geographical jurisdiction, whether affiliated or not; yet courtesy would require that in case of affiliated Masons, the charges should be sent to the Lodge of which the accused is a member; then, if they neglect or refuse to take cognizance of the case, the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the brother resides, may proceed to try the case. When two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, each Lodge will take exclusive jurisdiction of its own members.

8. A Lodge U. D. has no authority to try a brother, whether affiliated or not, the charges and specifications must be sent to the nearest chartered Lodge.

9. There is no precise age fixed to limit the qualifications of candidates for the degrees of Masonry. The candidate must be in possession of the ordinary physical and mental faculties of perfect manhood. Of this the brethren of the Lodge must be the judges in each particular case.

10. A candidate for initiation, though elected, cannot be initiated if objected to (before he is actually obligated), by any member of the Lodge in good standing, and a new ballot should be ordered at any time before the obligation of the candidate, upon the request of the member making the objection.

11. That Master Masons, made such in Military Lodges, to entitle them to affiliation or recognition in the Fraternity, must produce a Demit from the Lodge in which they received the degrees, on which should be endorsed the certificate of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge which granted the Dispensation, stating that said Lodge was authorized; and if the brother holds *no* Demit, then the certificate of the Grand Secretary should further state that the brother received the degrees of Masonry in such Lodge. This certificate should be made under the seal of said Grand Lodge.

NEW REGULATION.

Resolved, That hereafter the Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be required to sign the minutes of their Lodges at each stated Communication, after the same shall have been approved.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Louisville, Oct. 21st to 25th, 1867. M. W., J. T. Martin, presiding. The Grand Master delivered a practical, business like address containing valuable suggestions.

A large amount of business was transacted relating chiefly to local matters.

M. W., Elisha S. Fitch was elected Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, R. W., Brother J. M. S. McCorkle, of Louisville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We pass to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1868.

The Annual Communication for 1868 was held at Louisville October 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d.

M. W. Elisha S. Fitch, Grand Master, presiding. About three hundred and sixty-two Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is one of the ablest we have had the pleasure of reading.

We transfer the following to our report:

In renewing our labors, in Grand Lodge capacity, we have much to encourage us, not only in our own jurisdiction, and in our country; but also in foreign jurisdictions, and, indeed, generally, among all the nations of the earth as well as the isles of the sea. An almost universal peace, so conducive to the humane mission of our Order, prevails throughout the world; and under its mild and benignant reign, the moral enterprise of the age is bounding forward, on its high and glorious career, with a quickened energy, and a gathering impetus, which betoken the most triumphant success. The manifest de-

cline of *Absolutism*, both in Church and State—the general wane of despotic power and prerogative—the diffusion of civil and religious liberty—the practical recognition of the "*Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man*"—resulting from the extended dominion of a genuine, an elevated, a *Bible* civilization—may all be justly hailed as the sure precursors of Masonic prosperity and progress. Turning from this general view, to contemplate our own immediate jurisdiction, we are happy to announce a steadily increasing prosperity of the craft within our borders. Peace and harmony have prevailed, almost without interruption, in all our subordinate Lodges, since we last met in Grand Communication; and the few exceptional cases have presented no serious difficulties, which have not been amicable settled in accordance with the precepts of Masonry. It also affords us pleasure, to note the fact, that a lively interest has been generally manifested in favor of a *higher standard of practical morality among free-masons*, and that the reformitory discipline of the Order has been accordingly more thoroughly and rigidly enforced—naturally leading to another most desirable result—the exercise of greater caution and discrimination, in the admission of candidates to the rights and privileges of Masonry—a result in harmony with the oft repeated admonition of my predecessors, and one which I also feel the propriety of again reiterating. Another cause of congratulation and encouragement, is found in the fact, that, notwithstanding the general financial embarrassments of the country, our charitable enterprises have not been abandoned or neglected, but on the contrary, their claims have been responded to in a spirit of commendable liberality, which affords a gratifying assurance of their ultimate success. * * * * *

Applications almost innumerable have been made to me for dispensations to confer degrees out of time—to establish a sort of "*Lightning Express*" over the old Masonic track. Believing that the Grand Lodge, by its decision some years ago, very wisely abridged the authority of the Grand Master in this particular, I have uniformly and persistently refused all these applications.

Regarding the Grand Master simply as the creature of the Grand Lodge, deriving all his authority from that body, and subject to its laws, we did not believe that we were invested with any "*prerogative*" which might annul her edicts, or contravene her avowed policy. The truth is, we have but little patience or sympathy with that *elastic*, *intangible*, *nondescript something*, *ycleped* "*prerogative*," and instinctively suspect the soundness of any Masonic legislation that is based *exclusively* upon it. This "*sacred* and *indefeasible prerogative*" of the Grand Master is, in our judgment, "*next of kin*" to the "*Divine right of Kings*" and the "*infallibility of the Pope.*" Belonging to the same category, and liable to the same abuse, we have about as much faith in the one as the other, especially since the "*prerogative*" has usurped a power unknown even to the Grand Lodge itself, of *making Free-masons at sight!*

It is our firm conviction, that in all cases candidates had better be *retarded* than accelerated, in their Masonic advancement; and that in no instance should proficiency in the preceding degrees be dispensed with. It is no idle fear, brethren, that we are making *members of the Order* far more rapidly than we are making *Masons!*

The Grand Master condemns in severe terms the practice of Masons

"who seem to have no higher regard for our symbols than to use them as an advertising medium—often vending their wares and merchandize under "*Cross Keys*" "*Cross Pens*," &c., and regards this as disreputable and a "gross perversion of the legitimate use of masonic emblems." He also condemns the practice of "displaying masonic jewelry upon the person" and says:

But this prevailing fashion of the times has become so very indiscriminate—extending even to the "juveniles" in the land—that we presume it will soon correct itself under the influence of this justly deserved burlesque.

The Grand Master speaks encouragingly of the prospects of the "Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary," an enterprise in contemplation. He says:

We heartily commend the enterprise to the guardianship and supervision of the Grand Lodge, to the fostering care of every subordinate Lode in our jurisdiction, and to the Masonic sympathies of every individual brother in the State. To silence the widow's wail and the orphan's cry, is surely the noblest ambition the Order can inspire, and, brethren, proud and commanding as may be the rank we now hold among the charitable institutions of the day, we can never appropriate the meed of highest praise, so long as there is upon our soil one Mason's widow, or his orphan child, unsheltered from the pitiless blast, and unblessed with the comforts of a genial home.

The death of Past Grand Chaplain Rev. W. H. Forythe is announced. The Grand Master pays a glowing tribute to his memory. Aged 67 years.

In reference to the very extraordinary course of some of the brethren in Kentuckey looking to *secession* and the establishment of another Grand Lodge to hold its meetings at Lexington, the Grand Master remarks:

Up to the first day of the present month, it was pleasant to review our official acts and intercourse with the Fraternity, throughout this entire jurisdiction; and we had hoped that our official term would be allowed to close, without any emergent occasion eliciting any mandatory order, or prohibitory edict at our hands. Comparatively a young man, and "clothed with only brief authority," we certainly had no desire to subject ourself to the charge of arbitrary rule, by the exercise of this authority, in any of its *extraordinary* manifestations. More especially did we regard this as a reluctant duty, when the necessity for such action was imposed upon us by the city of our boyhood—a spot around which have clustered the dearest and holiest memories of life, and whose early friendships and associations will forever hold their strong pre-emptions in the heart! But, when on the 1st of October, I received the following *circular letter* from the city of Lexington, publishing the proceedings of *one illegal* meeting of Masons in that place on the 17th of September last, and proposing the holding of another *illegal* convention on the 8th

of the present month, having for its avowed object the inauguration of measures, which might lead to the establishment of another Grand Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, we would have considered ourselves recreant to the high trust reposed in us, as her official representative, if we had not, immediately, taken such steps as were necessary to assert her sovereignty, and prevent the contemplated interruption of her jurisdiction. That you may, however, have the whole case before you, I will now read the offensive circular-letter upon which my action was based:

The circular alluded to is explained in the edict of the Grand Master, which we copy:

Upon the receipt of this letter, believing the whole proceedings to be illegal and unauthorized, *ab initio*, and leading ta a palpable and unwarrantable infringement of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and rebellious against her sovereignty, I immediately issued the following prohibitory order:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

OFFICE OF THE G. M. OF THE G. L. OF KENTUCKY,
FLEMINGSBURG, October 2, 1868.

WHEREAS, It appears to the undersigned, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, that a convention of delegates from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, Daviess Lodge, No. 22, Devotion Lodge, No. 160, and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, and two other Lodges, under the jurisdiction of, and owing allegiance to, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, upon a call from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, held a convention on the 17th day of September last, in the city of Lexington, at which the question was mooted of separating said Lodges and others from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and forming another Grand Lodge to hold its meetings in Lexington, within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and

Whereas, the undersigned has been put in possession of a printed circular addressed to the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of Fleming Lodge, No. 112, a Lodge in the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of Kentucky, signed by Willard Davis, of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, B. T. Milton, of Daviess Lodge, No. 22, John L. Gilmore, of Devotion Lodge, No. 160, and Charles H. Wickliffe, of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, as a committee appointed by said convention, and stating therein that said convention, after meeting and mature deliberation, was adjourned until the 8th day of October, 1868, at which time it would assemble at the Room of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, in the city of Lexington, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and inviting the Lodges in Central and Eastern Kentucky to send delegates to represent them in said convention for the purpose aforesaid; and

Whereas, the undersigned has good reasons to believe that copies of said printed circular have been sent to many other Lodges in Eastern and Central Kentucky, in furtherance of the design aforesaid; and

Whereas, the said convention, held on the 17th day of September last, and the proposed convention called to meet at Lexington on the 8th day of Octo-

ber instant, are without the authority of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or the sanction of the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge, and the purposes avowed in said circular are in direct violation of the allegiance owing by said Lodges and the members thereof, individually and collectively, to said Grand Lodge, and contemplates an invasion of the jurisdiction, rights, powers, and privileges of said Grand Lodge; therefore,

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I do hereby pronounce and declare said convention, held on the 17th day of September last, and the proposed convention designed to be held on the 8th day of October instant, to be illegal and unmasonic assemblages, and their acts done, and proposed to be done, illegal and wholly void. And I do hereby FORBID said Lexington Lodge, No. 1; Daviess Lodge, No. 22; Devotion Lode, No. 160; and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, and the officers and members thereof, and in particular the said Willard Davis, B. T. Milton, John L. Gilmore, and Charles H. Wickliffe, from holding said, or any other convention; and in like manner, I do forbid, all other Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and each and every member thereof, from attending and taking part in said proposed convention, unless expressly authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or sanctioned by the Grand Master thereof: and I do further enjoin upon them, and each of them, and all Masons under the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, to pay due respect and obedience to this Edict.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky affixed thereto. E. S. FITCH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

By order of the Grand Master:

J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

The address thus closes:

We have everything to encourage and unite us in the grand design of "being happy and communicating happiness." Our beloved Order is everywhere prospering—prejudice and ignorance are rapidly receding before the spread of Masonic light and knowledge, and the institution is everywhere felt and acknowledged as a moral power in the land. True, it must still encounter the unreasonable opposition of bigotry and misrule, but such has ever been its fate and should excite no alarm. "Why do you fear?" said the haughty Roman to the trembling Pilot, "you carry Cæsar." Brethren, with an implicit trust in God, a greater than Cæsar will be with us, and, although the storms of persecution may rage, and the billows of faction roll, *with such an anchorage* our vessel can never be stranded; but freighted with hope and charity, to the sad and sorrowing of earth, it will be divinely piloted beyond the reach of shoals or the danger of shipwreck. However much our beloved institution may now be assailed by the demagogue and the bigot, rest assured the time will come when it will stand forth vindicated and redeemed from all censure and reproach. It may not be until the last ray of the setting sun shall have faded from the mountain top, until the last glitter-

ing moon-beam shall have ceased to play upon the gentle bosom of the silvery lake. It may not he until the last pang of human sorrow has been endured, and the last tie of earthly friendship broken, but when *He* who sees and knows all things as they *are* shall sit in judgment upon the affairs of this life, and when the things that were and the things that are good and useful, shall pass before him, looking up to Him for his approval, *then*, if not till then, will justice be done us. Amid that throng, the genius of Masonry will be seen, and the justice of Heaven proclaim her acts of benevolence in bringing the wanderer back to the paths of virtue, in drying up the fountains of sorrow, and in pouring joy and peace into the bleeding heart. Encouraged by this hope, brethren, let us faithfully work out, in peace and harmony, the grand designs upon our Masonic trestle-board, and go forth again from this annual reunion into the world, with a bold and ardent spirit, determined to redeem to the uttermost our obligations to man and to Heaven, and

So live
That when our summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves on
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death;
We go, not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach the grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams!

Though we have noticed extensively the address of the Grand Master we regret that we have not the space to make fuller extracts, as we believe much that it contains would be read with pleasure and profit.

The Grand Treasurer reports :

Total Credits,	$28,780.34
Total Debits	28,337.26
Balance due him,	$443.08

The committee to whom was referred at the last Annual Communication for examination "A General History of Freemasonry in Europe translated from the French of E. Rebold, by brother J. F. Brennan," submitted a report of which the following is the conclusion :

The book is well and worthy of careful perusal; still your Committee cannot concur in the author's asesrtions and conclusions, as to the origin of Masonry, nor believe in the infallibility of his opinions, as set out in numerous notes in the volume; yet, as a history of modern Masonry in Europe, it contains much valuabls information, and is a very acceptable contribution to Masonic literature.

We have seen the work, noticed some of the Author's positions and

sustain the committee in their non-currence in the "assertions and conclusions" of the author.

The Grand Lodge recommended to the patronage of the Craft the "Kentuckey Freemason," a first class Journal published at Frankfort.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, is an interesting review of thirty-three Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1867 receiving a fraternal notice.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

In the re-election of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge departed from a custom and precedent running through sixty-eight consecutive years. A deserved trbute to his abilities and integrity.

He acknowledges it in eloquent terms as follows :

My re-election, now, to the same high office—so very unexpected, so extraordinary and so unprecedented in the history of this Grand Lodge—has, I assure you, touched and thrilled my emotional nature to its profoundest depths—and it will ever be regarded as the most memorable and honorable event of my life, and whatever may be the future of that life, whether prosperous or adverse, overshadowed with clouds or radiant with sunshine, its bitterest sorrow will find a solace, and its purest joy a richer zest in the recollection of this distinguished appreciation and approval of my brethren of the mystic tie.

That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky should have thus deployed in my behalf, from its unbroken line of precedents, running through sixty-eight consecutive years, is surely a pre-eminent token of partiality and confidence, which, while it overwhelms me with surprise and amazement, is also well calculated to humble me in the dust, in view of the increased obligations and responsibilities which now gather around my renewed engagements—sanctified, as they are, by the endearing sympathies and hopes of the best of friends and the most devoted of brethren.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of initiations, 2070; number of ministers, 584; number of deaths, 168; number of expulsions, 53; number of suspensions, 556; number of members, 18,972.

JURISPRUDENCE.

1. *Resolved*, That should any subordinate Lodge hereafter confer any of the degrees of Masonry out of time, and in violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, that the charter of said Lodge be arrested by the Grand Master.

2. *Resolved*, That should any brother disclose the vote given by him upon the initiation, passing, or raising of an applicant, or on a petition for membership, except as provided for in the Constitution, [part 2, article 3, section 6, paragraph 4,] or institute inquiry as to how any other brother may have voted, the brother so offending shall be cited to appear before the Lodge for

trial, upon charges, and, if convicted, shall be suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine.

The Committee are of opinion that an individual performs his duty when he applies for membership under Regulation, No. 15, and if denied membership he is still entitled to Masonic rights and privileges, and does not come within the provisions of Regulation, No. 15.

LOUISIANA.

The fifty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodg was held in New Orleans, February 8th to 12th, 1869.

M. W., Henry R Swasey, Grand Master presiding. Seventy-four Lodges represented. A large amount of business was transacted.

The address of the Grand Master is clear and forcible. We extract the following.

It becomes my pleasing duty to congratulate you upon the continued increase and prosperity of the several Lodges throughout the State. The dark clouds which have for so long a time obscured our pathway are fast passing away, and it is to be hoped never to return. The evidences are many and flattering of the renewed energy and good will, with which the brethren are laboring to select the perfect ashlers with which to continue the building of our Masonic edifice. With few and trivial exceptions, peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and, as a general thing, much more care has been bestowed in the investigation of the character of applicants, and a much larger number of rejections than ever before; and as it is not in numbers alone that the strength of Masonry consists, so let us continue to exclude all those who cannot aid by their position and character in strengthening the temple. By so doing we sooner realize the time when we can truly say: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Since our last Grand Commuuication, several of those who labored long and ardently in the good cause, have finished their labors and gone to their reward.

Past Deputy Grand Master, G. W. Catlett.

Past Senior Grand Warden, Willis P. Coleman.

Past Junior Grand Warden, Henry Regenburg.

They have all been gathered to their fathers. Each one of those worthy brothers performed well his part; the records of this Grand Lodge speak of their long and valued services; their virtues are recorded in our hearts; their good deeds wlll live forever.

The Grand Master brings to the attention of the Grand Lodge the action of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing a clandestine body of Masons in New Orleans, calling itself the "Supreme Council of the Soverign and Independent State of Louisiana." Without further remark here we will consider this subject under a special head.

The Grand Master thus remarks upon the operations of the "Louisiana Relief Lodge."

The returns of this Lodge, presented by its Worshipful Master, will show that the stream of Masonic charity still continues to flow from this source—still its works of love and duty are continued, relieving the sick and destitute, burying the dead, drying the tears of the widow and fatherless, and making glad the hearts of the sorrowing and despairing. It is to be hoped that the sympathies and support of this Grand Lodge will still be continued, and the thankless labors of its officers and members receive encouragement to enable them to continue their good work. In accordance with a resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Body, donating three thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a tomb for the use of this lodge, the same has been completed. Placed upon a large plot of ground in the Masonic Cemetery donated by the Board of Directors, it stands a monument of the liberality of this body. I would suggest to those members of the Grand Lodge who have not yet had an opportunity to do so, to visit this place, the better to enable them to demonstrate the eligibility of its situation, and the valuable franchise which has been acquired.

The reports of the Deputy Grand Master and the several District Deputies indicate a general state of prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. We are gratified to learn that there exists a marked uniformity in the work. A thing unknown in many jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary submitted quite a lengthy business like report embracing in detail the transactions of his office during the year. He reports over six hundred volumes in the Grand Lodge library. The largest library of the kind, we presume on the continent.

Receipts into the Treasury during the year amounted to $27,906.68.

Dispensations for eight new Lodges were issued during the year.

The Grand Lodges of Montana, Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized.

The following resolutions were adopted which we consider very proper:

Resolved, That the rank of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be that of a past Junior Grand Warden.

Resolved, That a proper jewel in accordance with the above resolution be procured, and forwarded by the Grand Master to each of the representatives of this Grand Lodge, now representing her near Sister Grand Lodges, and to all who may be hereafter appointed, and that the Grand Master have authority to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the expenses incurred in carrying out this resolution.

The following were also adopted:

Resolved, That the recognition and granting of mutual representation to the Grand Orient of Italy at Forence, be postponed until the result of the inquiries now instituted is satisfactorily ascertained by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That our representatives in Europe be requested to ascertain what, if any, Masonic Grand Bodies, other than the Grand Orient of France, have

recognized any clandestine organization in our midst, and that, on obtaining the requisite information that such is the case, the Grand Master shall immediately issue an edict of non-intercourse.

Resolved, That the resignation of R. W., Bro. James C. Batchelor as Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of Mexico be accepted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathizes with the Grand Orient of Peru, in ihe misfortunes which have be fallen that country, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to call the attention of the subordinate lodges to the destitution and suffering occasioned by the recent earthquakes, and to transmit such donations as he may receive for relieving the sufferers, to the Grand Orient.

The report on Foreign Correspondence embracing one hundred and thirty printed pages is from the pen, we persume of Bro. James B. Scot. It is an able document, a model of the kind. It indicates extensive mental labor as it contains much original matter.

Bro. Scot notices us in a fraternal spirit.

As to his remarks concerning our "difficulties" (as termed) with the Grand Lodges of New York and England, we refain from any comment here. As to New York our "difficulties" have been satisfactorily adjusted and the relations now subsisting between us are the most friendly. We propose to discuss the subject of our controversy with England before we conclude.

M. W., Samuel M. Todd was elected Grand Master and R. W., Jas. C. Batchelor M. D. re-elected Grand Secretary, both of New Orleans.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 602; Passed, 518; Raised, 490; Affiliated, 250; Dimitted, 394; Died, 142; Stricken from roll, 285; Suspended, 8; Expelled, 6; Reinstated, 37.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Resolved, That it is improper to perform any of the public ceremonies peculiar to the fraternity, in connection with other secret associations, and especially so in regard to the furneral services. Should the deceased brother or his family have expressed a desire, it is the duty of Masons to bury him masonically, but not otherwise. There is no obligation on any one, and hardly any degree of propriety to do this, unless this desire has been expressed. When, however, this has been done, our ceremonies should not be encroached upon after the religious rites are ended, and the body taken charge of by the brethren, by the ceremonies of any association, of any kind whatever.

MAINE.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Portland, May 4th, 5th and 6th, 1869.

M. W., Timothy J. Murray, Grand Master, presiding. One hundred and thirty-one Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is practical, and to the point. He remarks:

I also wish to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that another year will complete a half-century of the existence of this Grand Body. It will be an event of great importance in our history, and it seems to me that it would be well to mark the epoch by some masonic recognition.

He closes as follows:

I am happy to believe, in closing my official labors, that the cause of Masonry is advancing; that its prosperity, apparently so great, is in reality sound and healthy; that the necessity of caution, in admitttng new members, and insisting on a high standard of moral character as indispensable in order to *obtain* or *retain* feilowship in the fraternity, is becoming better understood and appreciated. My hope and prayer is, that this watchfulness in the guardians of our mysteries may increase; and that the time may come when the tendency of our teachings shall be so clearly shown by the lives of the brethren, that if one of them conducts himself disreputably, the community at large shall feel, as we do, that he is not an exemplar of, but a disgrace to our Order.

The reports of the District Deputies indicate general prosperity among the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Moses Dodge presented a report showing

Debits, - - - - -	$6,297 01
Credits, - - - - -	5,538 52
Balance in hand, - - -	$ 758 40

In the following humorous, characteristic style, he continues his report:

Business affairs have moved on very quietly in this firm of which I am Cashier; no cases of bankruptcy have occurred; no change of partners has taken place; there has been no difficulty in the payment or collection of bills —and all drafts have been promptly honored; notwitstanding the fluctuations of currency, gold and stocks, and the sometimes stringent state of the money market, our balance sheet shows a healthy state of business affairs, and it would hardly seem to be required that I should make any other than the stereotyped report already given you in figures.

There is matter which years since I had determined to bring to the notice of this Grand Body. At a later period I came to the conclusion that it would be better for me to say naught in relation to it until a final report could be made by the committe in whose hands it was placed. It has been said that "wise men alter their minds and fools never do:" now, even if this be true, I do not think it is logical proof that every man is wise who changes his mind; but, I can believe that if he never does it may be *quasi* evidence that he is a fool. However it may be in my case, believing that a new subject must be of nterest to all, I have more recently determined before closing this report to

introduce it; and in order that no wrong mpression or misunderstanding, may obtain in regard to it, I will say distinctly and in plain language, it is in relatian to a diploma or certificate for Master Masons in this jurisdiction.

Since our last annual communication I have, I believe, used all due diligence, consistent with my other duties, in this matter, and had fondly hoped that ere this time our subordinate lodges would have been furnished with better certificates for their members;but disappointment is the common lot of man and hope deferred has nearly made me sick at heart.

We publish the following for general information as the subject is one of much importance :

The undersigned to whom was referred last year the subject of the incorporation of lodges asks leave to report:

That the acceptance of an act of incorporation by a lodge, or the formation of a corporation under the laws of the State necessarily involves the result, that the relations of members to the lodge, especially in cases of discipline, may be examined and finally determined in our Courts of law. In other words, when a member of an incorporated lodge is suspended or expelled and the result confirmed by the Grand Lodge, he may have the regularity of the proceedings determined in Court. And while as masons, we are obedient to the laws, it would soon destroy the Institution, if resort to litigation in such cases should be allowed.

In a case just decided in Ohio in relation to an incorporated lodge of another organization, the court say:

" We suppose it is the settled law that the power of a motion for just cause is necessarily incident to every incorporation; and although it was once matter of grave doubt whether such a power could be exercised unless it was specifically conferred by the act of incorporation, the decision of Lord Mansfield in Rex vs. Richardson, 1 Burrows, 51, is now regarded as establishing the doctrine that the authority is inherent in the body, though not specially conferred.

But this power must be exercised for good cause, and ' to punish some offence which has immediate relation to the duties of the parties as a corporator.'

" We do not learn from the petition what was the cause of the plaintiff's removal; whether it was for the non-performance of a corporate duty or for moral delinquency. It is averred, however, that it was done without just or reasonable cause and in violation of the rules and regulations of the corporation; in other words, that the plaintiff was illegally expelled from the lodge. For all which, if there has been a usurpation of authority or the violation of individual right as a corporator, there is an adequate remedy for full relief by mandamus. That proceeding reaches the entire case; whenever it is invoked and allowed by the proper tribunal it puts in issue the conduct of the corporate body while it determines the rights of the individual members, and by its decree of restoration it not only reverses the action by which he had been removed, but remits him at once to his former privileges."

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" The power of expulsion by a corporate body is a judicial power. The causes for removal must must be stated; the accused notified, heard in his defence, and a decision upon the facts made by his fellow-members, before the penalty can attach."

Accordingly Grand Lodges generally have pronounced against incorporation, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has adopted a standing Regulation that the acceptance of an act of incorporation by a lodge shall be a forfeiture of its charter.

It is often, however, highly desirable and sometimes absolutely necessary for a lodge to be able to hold real estate and other property. This may be done by the incorporation of Trustees of the Charity Fund, under chapter *fifty-five* of the Revised Statutes and without resort to legislation.

The undersigned therefore recommends that the Grand Lodge prohibit the future incorporation of lodges under penalty of forfeiture of their charters; that the Grand Lodge recommends that lodges already incorporated surrender by formal vote their civil charters and dissolve as corporations, having previously conveyed their real estate, if any, to a new corporation to be formed as herein provided.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund of Ancient Landmark Lodge have been a Corporation for many years, incorporated by an act of the Legislature.

But now by chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, seven or more persons by application to a Justice of the Peace may incorporate themselves for charitable or benevolent purposes, or for the establishment of a Library. In order to avoid certain difficulties, the better course is to have a portion hold over as in case of the Trustees of the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge. I recommend that the number be fixed at nine, three of whom shall be elected annually. In case of their being a vacancy in any other manner than the expiration of the term of office, it should be filled for the remainder of the term.

In order to facilitate correct proceedings in such cases, I have prepared forms, by-laws, &c., a copy of which will be submitted during the session.

I would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the incorporation of the Trustees of the Charity Funds of subordinate lodges, under such regulations as may be from time to time prescribed."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. J. H. Drummond, is complete and written in the usually interesting and forcible style of the author.

Bro. Drummond will pardon us for appropriating a portion of his report as our own. We have not the data at present, in the way of Proceedings, from which to furnish intelligence from many Foreign Grand Bodies.

We transfer the following condensed statement to this report.

Masonry abroad. We haave received the Proceedings of the Supreme Council 33 degree for the Northern Jurisdiction, which contain a most valuable report by Bro. A. G. Goodall upon the condition of Masonry abroad, based upon knowledge gained by a visit to the several jurisdictions. We have space only for a brief statement of a few prominent facts.

Brazil. There are two Bodies claiming regularity in this Empire; but the Grand Grient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, is undoubtedly the regular: the other [Los Benedictinos] is spurious, and on the decline.

Argentine Republic. The Supreme Council and Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic have under their jurisdiction twenty-one lodges. The progress of Masonry has been checked during the past two years by war and pestilence, but nevertheless it has advanced gradually but firmly. A spurious lodge had been established at Buenos Ayres by *one* of the Grand Orients of Italy and was causing serious difficulty. The craft are warned against having any communication with this spurious lodge, called "*Italia.*"

Uruguay. War and the pestilence have afflicted this Republic also, and while the spread of Masonry has been thereby retarded, occasion was given for a noble work by the craft. Peace having returned, the Order will again continue its onward march. The Supreme Council and Grand Orient have under their jurisdiction fourteen lodges. The same Italian Grand Orient has established a spurious lodge named "Esperanza" in this jurisdiction.

Portugal. Bro. Goodall gives a very interesting history of Masonry in Portugal, from which he concludes [and as appears to us correctly] that the "*Supreme Council Grand Orient Portugueza*" is the only regular and legitmate masonic authority in that country. There is also a *Provincial Grand Lodge* under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He is clearly of opinion that the *Grand Orient Lousitano* is spurious, though it has been recognized by the Grand Orient of France, and several American Grand Lodges.

Spain. Masonry is prohibited by law in Spain, and there are no lodges working in public except in Gibraltar and one or two other places under foreign authority and protection.

Italy. There are five contestants for the Supreme Masonic authority in Italy: every one claims to be regular and [we believe] denounces all the rest as spurious.

1. The "Grand Lodge Sebezia" at Naples has a large number of symbolic lodges under its jurisdiction.

2. "The Supreme Council and Central Grand Lodge" at Palermo claims to have under its jurisdiction about one hundred lodges, comprising all those in Sicily and many others in Southern Italy. In 1862, Gen. Guiseppe Garibaldi was elected and installed Grand Master and Sov. Grand Commander.

3. "The Grand Lodge, Pietro Micca" at Turin has existed since 1863 ; but Bro. Goodall was unable to ascertain the number of Lodges working under it.

4. There is a "Grand Council of Symbolic Masonry" at Milan, with twenty lodges under its jurisdiction.

5. The "Grand Orient of Masonry in Italy" at Florence, was organized at Florence in 1864, by parties who separated from the Grand Orient at Turin. But in 1867, Garibaldi and F. de Luca called a meeting of the lodges in Italy and its colonies: only sixty of the three hundred Lodges in Italy appear to have been represented : this convention abolished by its edict (without their consent) all the other governing bodies in Italy and declared itself the legitimate supreme masonic authority. Not content with the whole of Italy for a field of operations, it has founded lodges (of course spurious) in other jurisdictions, particularly in South America.

The other four Grand Bodies have recently agreed upon a plan looking for harmony in the future. They denounce the Florence body, and have agreed that when Rome becomes the capital of Italy they will unite and constitute a Grand Masonic governing body for the country. Accordingly the Palermo

Body add to their official heading the words "until Rome shall be the Capital of Italy."

From the above, it is quite clear that we have not sufficient knowledge of masonry in Italy to determine which is the regular Body (if any) and, therefore should not at present recognize any of them."

Mourning pages are set apart in the Proceedings to the memory of Samuel Fessenden and Jabez True, Past Grand Masters, aged respectively 84 and 71 years and William Kimball and Jno. Williams, Past Junior Grand Wardens, aged respectively 72 and 77 years. Our fathers in masonry are passing away.

M. W., Jno. H. Lynde, of Bangor was elected Grand Master and R. W., Bro. Ira Berry of Portland was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 1,672; Admitted and Restored, 1,961; Withdrawn, 371; Expelled, 3; Suspended, 8; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 65; Died, 148; Rejected, 753; Members, 13,001.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Baltimore the 16th, 17th and 18th of November, 1868. M. W. John Coates, Grand Master, presiding. Fifty-three Lodges represented.

There are published proceedings of several Grand Stewards Lodges containing nothing of general importance.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief.

He says:

"We are assembled on the occasion of this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge under interesting and peculiar circumstances.

For years it has been a cherished object to erect a Temple worthy our Order, in this jurisdiction, which would afford ample room and suitable accommodation for our large and increasing membership.

Under the blessing of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, and the untiring exertions of the committee to whom was committed the work, we are enabled to congratulate each other that we hold this Annual Communication in our new Temple, an ornament to our City, and a monument to the dignity and power of the Masonic Fraternity in the State of Maryland.

If the Fraternity will carry into effect the resolution unanimously adopted at the last Semi-annual Communication, to wit: "Each member of the various Lodges in our jurisdiction to subscribe for one share of stock," we believe the committee will be able to finish and furnish the Temple at an early period.

The Grand Master makes the gratifying statement that peace reigns in his jurisdiction and a healthy gradual increase has marked its history of the last six months.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Temple Building Committee reports expenses on Temple from May, 1st, to Nov. 1st, 1868. $61,479.59

This Grand enterprise, the new Masonic Temple, seems to be going to completion.

The Grand Chairity fund consists in stock and cash amounting to 64,229.42.

The Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and West Virginia were recognized.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. W. J. Wroth. North Carolina included in the review.

M. W. Bro. John Coats was re-elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medary was re-elected Grand Secretary, both of Baltimore.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Master Masons, 4,609 ; Fellow Crafts, 97 ; Entered Apprentices, 235 ; Initiations, 458 ; Dropped, 33 ; Dismissed, N. P. D. 86 ; Suspended, 21 ; Expelled, 10 ; Reinstated, 6 ; Withdrawn, 136 ; Died, 62.

The Grand Lodge convened in Semi-Annual Communication May, 11th, 1869.

R. W. D. G. M., Francis Burns, presiding. The Grand Master absent from sickness.

The Grand Chaplain made an eloquent appeal to the Throne of Grace on the occassion of opening the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lecturer presented a gratifying report of the progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have the Procedings of this Grand Lodge at its stated communications during the year 1868 and Annual Communication Dec. 9th 1868. Chas. C. Dame, M. W. Grand Master, presiding. The Annual address of the Grand Master is a review of his official acts during the year.

M. W. William Sewall Gardner, of Boston was elected Grand Master and R. W. Solon Thornton of Boston, re-elected Grand Secretary. A stated communication was held Dec. 29th, 1868, at which the Grand Officers elect were installed.

No business of great importance was transacted.

This Grand Lodge with this communication had reached its 135th, Anniversary.

Initiated during the year 2094. Total membership of Lodges, 18,-364.

MICHIGAN.

This Grand Lodge convened in Annual Communication January 18th, 1868.

M. W., S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master presiding. About one hundred and eighty-six Lodges represnted.

The address of the Grand Master is able and interesting.

We appreciate the following noble sentiments :

It is with great satisfaction that we hail our brethren of the Southern States as the sound of the gavel again reaches us from their cities and villages whence, so recently, the clangor of arms, the roar of cannon, and the battle cry ascended in terrible discord and confusion; mystic voices announce that our sacred altar is again erected where war late spread her desolation and carnage. The sound of war has died away and the battle-cry has ceased. Masonry there resumes her labors of peace and her offices of mercy, reuniting and healing up the broken and dissevered social elements. It is doing good unto all. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

It cannot fail to deeply touch our inner heart when we recognize the moral force of our beloved Order, as it unostentatiously, resumes its gavel and its square, while the sound of war is still echoing around her altars—conciliating, pacifying, awaking soft harmonies, feeding, clothing, and comforting.

It must be conceded that Masonry is potent in her benificent influences, and powerful in her gentle forces—that her kindness is irresistible, and her compulsions winning and attractive—that she can soothe into harmony what force cannot compel.

The Grand Master, in reference to the crime of intemperence, gives utterance to the following wise thoughts :

For the common street drunkard there may be a charitable palliation found, perhaps, in the circumstances of his education and the conditions and surroundings of his whole life. He may be illiterate and uninformed in the common decencies and social conduct of life. He may have been reared in a den of vice, and educated in the midst of debaucheries and drunkenness, and know no better life. But the Mason has no such excuses to mitigate the censure of the virtuous. The Mason is surrounded by high and honorable men who call him brother, and encouraged and supported in well doing by their example. They guide his footsteps to a fountain of purity, and open before his eyes a halo of moral light. A thousand influences are brought to bear upon his conduct; a thousand restraints upon his moral action; and, if in spite of all these he fall, it is like an angel of heaven, from pure and everlasting light into moral darkness and degredation, too gross to mingle with the dust and ashes in which he grovels.

This vice, I am happy to say, is disappearing among the members of our fraternity in this jurisdiction, whether through expulsions and suspensions, or through reformation, perhaps, we cannot accurately judge. We hope, how-

ever, more through the latter than the former of these causes. If, from the latter cause, it is noble in the individual brethren; if from the former, it is praiseworthy in the lodges.

We cannot follow the Grand Master through his entire address. We would be glad to give to our bretheren more of it.

Bro. Coffinbury was re-elected Grand Master and Bro. Jas. Fenton, of Detroit, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Saint Paul, January 12th, to 14th, inclusive.

M. W., C. W. Nash, Grand Master presiding. Fifty-two Lodges represented.

On the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master dedicated the new and elegant Hall of Ancient Land mark Lodge, No. 5. On this occasion an instructive address, abounding in interesting masonic tradition, was delivered by Bro. S. Y. McMasters, D. D. L. L. D., Grand Chaplain. We extract the following which we consider excellent teaching and sound doctrine.

To-day, Masonry has entirely ceased to be an operative thing, in the material sense. She stands as a moral, social, and humanitarian institution. She aspires not to take the place of the Church of Christ; for to this she bows, as the human to the Divine. Like one of her patron saints, she points to the Savior of sinners and says, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Fain would she help to *prepare* the way of the Lord," and make a highway in the world for the coming of her God. But she has nothing to offer as a *substitute* for the Gospel, or the Church. All she proposes is to bear some humble part in leading men to the Him who is able to save them.

But here, unbidden, arises the question. What is the moral standard of Masonry? So far as *religion* is concerned, doubtless a Jew may embrace it as well as a Christian. She barely takes the ground that God has revealed himself and his Law to man. Neither the Atheist, nor the Deist, can enter her Lodges. Every good Mason knows, "*In whom he puts his trust, and well knows all of the three great lights of Masonry,*" on which he first opened his eyes; and he who forgets them is no more a true Mason. But beyond the great idea of God, as revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures, Masonry has no religious test. She is, in respect of theology, and ethics, and symbolism, of Jewish origin; and she bears her parentage unmistakably on her face. But her moral standard is Christian, as well as Jewish. *Profanity* she can never tolerate. Turning to the east, she points to a mystic letter, and that letter suggests a name, and that name is nameless, save in devotion; and at that name, every Mason, from the youngest entered apprentice in the northeast, to the oldest master of the Lodge, must reverently bow. Falsehood, in any relation in life, she abhors. No one attribute lies more essentially at the

foundation of the Masonic character than truth,—*truth*, such as, in *one* instance, at least, was faithful unto death. The tongue of the slanderer, or defamer of character, she would consign to the rough sands of the sea, where the tide ebbs and flows forever. *Justice*,—inflexible justice,—she holds among the cardinal virtues; and the Mason who can knowingly or willfully defraud a brother of *a single cent* is justly liable to all the pains and penalties of his degree. *Industry* is taught in all her lessons. The *hive* stands prominent among her symbols; and there are no drones in the hive of true Masonry. *Obedience* to law is taught, and dramatized, in every communication; and hence, rebellion and treason, and every sort of lawless conduct, must ever bear her heaviest anathema. The character and virtue of a brother's wife, mother, daughter or sister, must be, before every true Mason, as the apple of his eye, nor must he fail to do them service, when in his power. Shall I say that the habit of devotion, and prayer to God, is an element of the Masonic character? Let no one be offended, Where was our first martyr Grand Master waylaid by his foes? Was it not well known that thither he always retired, habitually, at a certain hour, to offer his devotions to the God whom he served? And there is in every Lodge an altar; but too often I fear, it might be asked, "Where is the sacrifice?"

The greatest danger now to be apprehended to Masonry is her too promiscuous acceptance of applicants for Masonic honors; not that I would have it a select aristocracy; for the laborers of Tyre and Palestine sat in the same Lodges with kings and nobles; and some of us have heard that the first Christian emperor would never rest contented until, as a Mason, his lowliest subject had claimed to be his "Equal." But I would look well to the outer door,—to the moral capabilities of every candidate. The church does hope, if she ever chance to receive a bad man into her fold, by the influence of the Gospel, to reform him, and make him, in process of time, an humble Christian. But Masonry claims not to be able to work this change. If she receives a bad man, he is likely to continue bad, to her shame and annoyance: and there is little hope but in explusion. I am sure that, practically, our Masonic morals are not as carefully guarded as they should be. I am sorry to have to say that there are active and prominent Masons,—well known as such,—whose moral deportment would not bear the application of the plumb line, or the square. This, I grant, is no argument against the essential principles of the Order; for there are bad men even in the church of Christ; but they *will* be remarked upon; and our long processions, and gaudy rituals, and broad phylacteries, and splendid regalia can never divert attention from the notoriously bad men who are known to be in good standing among us. Many a man has learned to lisp the *shibboleth* of the craft, and been known as a "Bright Mason," in whose bosom the true Masonic Heart never throbbed! So long as the widows of Masons wring scanty bread from the cold hand of the world's charity, or their ill fed and uneducated children run friendless in our streets, the common sense of humanity will ask, Where is the virtue of Masonry? The popular sentimeut of the outside world will take the ragged and unprotected little child of our depared brother, and setting it in the midst of a popular assembly, will say, "Of such is the family of Masonic charity!"

Let us have the Masonic character, and rest Masonic work, rather than

costly temples, or splendid equipage. Better have our Lodge in the mountains, the clouds for our canopy, the roar of waterfalls for our music, and the stars for our sentinels, and have the true work of Masonry going on, in love, and peace and active charity, than meet in houses of ceder, or palaces of marble, amid all the applicances of wealth, and come out with the consciousness of having done no good to any one.

Above all things we should labor to cultivate amity, and fraternal feelings. A house divided in itself cannot stand:—certainly cannot prosper. Differences of opinion there will always be; but Masons, like Christians, must learn to indulge those differences, and be gentle and tolerant toward even the *faults* of their brethren. Nothing must be done through strife or vain glory. Every action should be wrought in love; and to the love, and the justice of Masonic canons, every erring brother should be turned over—not more for punishment than for vindication.

The order continues to flourish in this jurisdiction. We are gratified at the following report of the Grand Master:

I have the gratification to announce to you the continued prosperity of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and the rapid extension both of its influence and its members. It is in a more prosperous and healthful condition than at any former period of our history. Peace, harmony, and kind fraternal feeling prevail in our Subordinate Lodges, and no difficulties of a serious nature have come to my knowledge since our last Communication.

While the Grand Master expresses his gratification at the "rapid extension of the order both of its influence and its members," he seems somewhat apprehensive that it is growing too popular. Hear him:

While our institution continues to increase in popular favor, and the doors of our Lodges are thronged by those anxious to be admitted to our mystic rites and ceremonies, permit me, my brethren, to remind you that we cannot be too careful and vigilant in guarding the doors of our Lodges, or in the use of the ballot. In this lies our protection and our safety. There is a manifest desire to swell the number in our Lodges without looking to the quality of the material. *Masons are made too fast.* Examine closely into the character and qualifications of a candidate for the mysteries of Free-masonry. That nothing can be said against him is *not sufficient;* he should be "worthy well qualfied," recommended for his virtues, and pronounced true and trusty, so that when he erects his Masonic edifice, it will be with pleasure to himself and confer honor on the Fraternity. I feel it incumbent on me, at this time, to call the attention of the Lodges and brethren in this jurisdiction, to the care that should be exercised in investigating the *moral* and *physical* qualifications of all applicants for Degrees. I do this because information has come to me which warrants the opinion that proper care and caution is not taken. *Then guard well the outer door.* Allow none to pass except they be worthy. Advance none that have not sufficient interest and zeal to learn the lectures of the several Degrees. If this is done, you will avoid the evil and disastrous effect of filling the Lodges with unworthy, inefficient and inactive members, who

will be drones in the great hive of Masonry, consuming its substance, destroying its life, and paralyzing its influence.

Dispensation for seven new Lodges were issued during the year.

The subject of Work seems to greatly interest our brethern of Minnesota. The Grand Master in speaking of the Webb work says :

I have made it a study, to examine and closely investigate this work, and as far as in my power, to obtain its history, origin and authenticity; and from all the light and information that I can obtain from experienced and eminent Masons, I am fully satisfied, that it is the genuine ancient work.

My conclusions are as follows: That this work is that which Bro. Wilson received from Bro. Barney in 1817—Barney from Webb in 1815—Webb from Preston about 1795—Preston from his predecessors about 1775.

I earnestly urge upon the attention of the Grand Lodge, the importance of thoroughly examining into this subject, and disposing of the same at this session—that there may be a "uniformity of work," be what it may, and when approved by the Grand Lodge—*provide the necessary means for instruction to the Lodges.*

This done, and the craft of Minnesota will have accomplished a great work for all time to come, and disposed of a vexed question, that has engrossed the time and attention of the members at each annual session.

We heartily commend the following excellent sentiments of the Grand Master :

Brethren:—Masonry stands before the world as a permanent institution. It dates far back into the annals of the past. Empires and kingdoms have passed away, and changes and revolutions have taken place in governments and societies, since it first had an existence. It still lives—it has withstood all the shafts of persecution, the calumny of its enemies, the ravages of time, and to-day occupies a proud and prominent position on the earth. It has to-day a living and vital existence, and will continue to exist during all time to come. It stands before the world a tried institution. It has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting.

It has been patronized by the great, good and noble of all ages, and in all lands, who have been pleased to honor it with their influence and presence, on all occasions. It embraces men of all nations, kindreds and tongues, under the whole heavens. The bishop, the statseman, the scholar, the poet, the historian, the hero and philosopher, have all bowed before the same altar—have passed through the same ordeal, and been instructed in the same lesson.

The first duty of a Mason is to study the nature and design of the Institution—its philosophy and jurisprudence, and endeavor to obtain a clear and distinct knowledge of its character and teachings. The true essence of Masonry is Charity to all mankind: this is its chief virtue and corner stone.

Its voice says, "Do good unto all, more especially unto the household of the faithful." If we could unlock the great Masonic record of the past three thousand years, and acquaint ourselves with the numberless charities, and works of love flowing from this fountain—the suffering it has alleviated, the

homes of want and misery it has visited and consoled—the children it has supported and educated, the widows and orphans it has maintained—the wounded on the dark and bloody battle field it has nursed and saved, the dyng it has succored, the female virtue it has defended and protected, we would more admire its beauty and its teachings

Oh! Masonry, from thy pure and holy altar, the great light of God's love and favor, has lighted many a dark and dreary pathway; and has made smooth many a rough and rugged way.

To sustain Masonry in its purity, is not only a sacred duty, but a work worthy the most gifted intellect, the most powerful monarch, and the best of our fellow men.

Every Mason has an individual responsibility resting upon him, which he cannot ignore. He has a duty to perform which he only can discharge. In his care and keeping are placed the reputation and the welfare of our time-honored Institution. For good or evil his conduct will exert an influence on society. There rests upon him, therefore, a most sacred obligation, to keep unsullied the trust reposed in him, to guard with vigilant care the interests of Masonry.

> "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
> In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
> We should count time by heart throbs.
> He most lives, who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Comprehending the nature and design of the Institution, he should carefully guard against the least innovation upon its established usages and customs.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, states (which we regret to learn) tnat the entire property of the Grand Lodge was destroyed by fire on the 21st, of April 1868. Hall insured for $2,000. The records we believe are preserved.

A page is dedicated to the Hon. Moses Sherburne, P. G. M.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson. We appreciate what he says in his commencement.

We have ever been willing to perform any Masonic duty assigned to us, no matter how laborious—provided we could not get out of it—the partiality of the M. W. G. M., imposed on us the duty of preparing a Report on Foreign Correspondence—as it could not be evaded—nor "shirked," we submit the following report; if after hearing it, you do not like it, do not read it when printed—if you do, and find any point or points of interest, treasure them, call the attention of your respective Lodges to them, to the end that the labor expended in collating may not be entirely thrown away.

We have reviewed the report and express our pleasure in its perusal.

The Grand Master and Bro. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary were re-elected, both of St. Paul.

There is no Summary of Statistics.

JURISPRUDENCE.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

Q. Does a sentence of expulsion, made by a Subordinate Lodge, operate fully before such sentence of expulsion is reported to the Grand Lodge, and approved by that body?

A. It does.

Q. If an applicant, reside out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which his petition is offered, and this fact is afterwards ascertained, what action should be taken with the petition?

A. The petition should be dismissed as soon as the fact is made known. It is not necessary to have a ballot.

Q. Can the Master of a Lodge demit during his term of office?

A. No.

Q. The ballot is passed on the petition of a candidate, and he is elected. At a subsequent meeting, objection is made by a member of the Lodge, to the initiation of the candidate. Can the W.∴ M.∴ initiate him?

A. The power is in the W.∴ M.∴ He must take the responsibility. If he initiate the candidate, he can be dealt with if he do wrong. As a rule, a master should refuse to initiate if any member objects to the candidate.

Q. Can a Lodge be lawfully opened, and work done in the absence of the Master and Warden and all past Masters.

A. No. A Lodge opened in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, and all past Masters, would be unlawful, and all work, would be illegal and void.

Q. Should the degrees of Masonry be conferred upon a candidate who can not either read or write?

A. No.

Q. Can an officer resign, after he has been insalled.

A. No. After an officer has been dully elected and installed, he cannot resign, but holds his office till his successor has been elected and installed.

Q. Can a non-affiliated Mason receive Masonic burial.

A. He can not—our Grand Lodge Constitution declares—"Any Mason who does not contribute to the funds, or belong to some Lodge, shall not be entitled to join in procession—to receive assistance, or Masonic burial."

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, "That the granting of a charter to open a new Lodge does not demit the members thereof from the Lodge to which they formerly belonged."

Resolved, That in localities where Lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction, when an applicant for the Degrees has been rejected by one Lodge, after the required probation, he is at liberty to renew his application to either Lodge exercising such concurrent jurisdiction.

Resolved, That all applications to Subordinate Lodges shall state whether or not the applicant for degrees or membership has applied elsewhere for the same.

Resolved, That whereas the Grand Lodge of Minnesota recognizes the doc-

trine that in a State, Territory or Republic, where no Grand Lodge exists, three or more chartered Lodges may form a Grand Lodge, therefore this Grand Lodge welcome into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, that of Nova Scotia.

Resolved, That the M.·. W.·. Grand Master is hereby requested to appoint a representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Soctia, and request of its Grand Master a like appointment.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Jackson, January 18th, 19th and 20th, 1869.

M. W., Thos. S. Gathright, Grand Master presiding. R. W., D. P. Porter, Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-two Lodges represented.

The procedings contain much of local interest.

The address of the Grand Master is one of considerable merit and contains many suggestions of importance. We copy the following :

It is a distinguished mark of the Divine favor that permits us to come together at this time. Into the twelve months that have passed away since we last met in Grand Annual Communication, there has crowded as much of bitter disappointment and sorrow, suspense and anxiety, as has filled the measure of any other period of equal extent in the annals of this Grand Lodge. Our people have been chastened; and but for the promise made specially to them, the lengthened shadows of coming events, now falling around them, would inspire anything but hope. Our brethren constitute the great body of the intelligent citizenship in the commonwealth, and when we say our people are chastised, we may listen for the cry of Masons in distress. The war draped all our door-posts with mourning, and planted weeds upon our hearthstones. The losses in property, resulting from the war, impoverished our land. With an energy isolated and peculiar to our race, our brethren, oppressed by past results, but hopeful for the future, began to struggle for a competency. During the last year, many of them reached the crisis of their pecuniary obligations, to find the proceeds of a year's labor inadequate to give relief.

Many of our most beloved and distinguished brethren have staggered under their burdens, are stooping to reccive more, while others have shaken off the debris of former prosperity, and girded themselves for a new career. Brethren, it is a time to trust in God.

In seasons of prosperity, and in times of political harmony and good fellowship, it was delightful to assemble once a year in Grand Lodge, and counsel together and enjoy for a few brief days, that charming fraternal communion, known only among Masons. It was sweet then. How much more so now! How much does even the anticipation of a re-union soften the rigor of our cares, during the passing year! How much more than heretofore does it suggest itself to us, as a special blessing, to assemble and commune with each other?

I congratulate you, my brethren, on our present re-union, and trust that our deliberations may be seasoned with that wisdom which adversity affords. The great Father of us all has some wise purpose underlying the present situation in which our individual well-being is not ignored. Our inability to see that purpose, can by no means operate as a bar to the Mason's trust. One of our humanity has beautifully said—

"Sweet are the uses of adversity."

We may live to speak experimentally, and declare the poet right.

It is an evidence of the solid foundation and proper organization of our Masonic institution, to see it flourish in seasons like the present, and the conviction is forced upon us that conformity to the traditions and symbolic teachings of Masonry will secure to us, as individuals, as to itself as an order, a genuine, unostentatious and lasting success. Let us, brethren, draw near to our altars, and find a sanctuary while dangers impend. Let us declare our continued trust in God, and announce to all the world our gratitude to Him for so clear a manifestation of His supreme administration as our journey through the past year, and our present Convention afford. Then, let us apply ourselves to a review of the workings of our order since last we met, and to the consideration of such needful legislation as the interest of the craft may seem to demand.

We commend the following excellent remarks:

Every Mason is personally responsible for the character of our beloved Institution. No one can avoid it. He who is always ready to admit that Masonry is much abused, should address himself at once to the correction of his own thoughts and acts. He should study the history and genius of Masonry. Official brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and members of the Grand Lodge should be sure to act as exemplars as well as counsellors and legislators. They should instruct their less informed brethren, and do it as brethren, and not as self-appointed monitors.

The universe is ours; but our own country at this time is an arena precisely suited to the genius of Masonry. The iate unfortunate and calamitous war aroused all the worst passions of our people, and crimination and recrimination strangle, in many cases, truth itself. The conservative and charitable tenets of our society, in the midst of the people, should be oil upon troubled waters. There should be some voice in this great land and nation more powerful than the mandates of civil or military officers, and it should come from the hearts of men who act upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. A voice should be heard that would be trusted from the Lakes to the Gulf, from Ocean to Ocean. Masonry should speak in its own language, and not in the dialect of Ashdod. Masons can love each other. Masons *must* love each other. I look to our Order to bring about an era of universal good feeling, not by carrying elections, but by the genial pressure of charity and the broadest benevolence. Brethren, Masonry lives, and Justice lives, and Mercy lives, and Temperence lives, and Prudence lives, and Fortitude lives. All these are of Masonry. They will not revolutionize society by any onset; but diffused as they are, they will draw our people to-

wards a political and social millenium, with an influence as imperceptible as that which distils the dew upon the leaves, or that warms the sunshine and paints the rose.

The harvest is abundant and ripe. Who will reap? Who can love a brother in Maine as he does one in Texas? Who can spread a broad mantle over personal and political differences, and love a brother,—the more we think he errs, love him more? If we do this, the organism of God's moral universe will be full of visible flowers, and song and happiness, as land and water and sunshine are seen to combine to adorn his physical creation.

He says further:

I recommend that the Grand Lodge define a Legal Lodge. Some Lodges meet with say three or four, or five members, open, discharge the ordinary business, new and unfinished, and consider their decisions and action legal and binding, while others declare that not less than seven Master Masons can constitute a legal Lodge. It is of course understood by the brethren that there is a difference between a ceremonial and a legal Lodge. This subject may be disposed of by some statute not known to me; if so, my ignorance must be my excuse.

Uniformity in all our matters of work and lectures is desirable; and in no point more than in the opening and closing of Lodges. Where shall Masters begin to open? and where to close? I imagine that no action of the Grand Lodge would be more grateful to the brotherhood of the State, than the definition of a Lodge competent in law to discharge business, and then a plain rule for opening and closing.

We hold that seven is the number required to constitute a "legal" Lodge. Our Grand Lodge provides that seven shall be the number to transact the business of the Lodge (*ie*) receive petitions, confer degrees, choose officers annually, &c., &c. If seven is the number necessary to constitute a Lodge, then that is the number necessary to transact its business. Many Grand Lodges have the same provision as our own. We think we are right.

He makes the following recommendation which we consider a step in the right direction:

I recommend that the place of holding the Grand Lodge be fixed, and a library be accumulated, and that the portraits of prominent Masons be procured and hung up in the Hall. In short, that there should be some central Masonic home, in the State, worthy of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The place of holding the Grand Lodge, that body itself must determine. The personal preferences of the Grand Master, it is conceived, would be out of propriety in this connection.

I repeat, brethren, it is time to trust in God. He will do all things well. Man errs. We have been trusting in ourselves, in each other; hence our calamities. Trust in God. He paints the autumn leaf; He warms the sunshine; He plumes the raven; He vocalizes the laughing waters; He restrains the waves of the sea; He sends the rain, the storm, and the whirlwind; He dashes millions of worlds with mathematical precision through their stupendous orbits, and He is Truth. We all based our Masonic faith upon Him when we began our course. Can we now trust Him? If so, we should practice the tenets of our Order, and laughing and sounds of joy will cleave the air from one end of our country to the other, and sadness and despondency, and fear, will be with us no more.

Thirteen Lodges were established by Dispensation during the year.

The Grand Master recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Orphans Home, and the following report and resolutions were adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address relating to the Orphans' Home, beg to report:

That they endorse, with proud satisfaction, every sentiment by him uttered; and recommend that this Grand Lodge manifest its most cordial sympathy and approval of the Orphans' Home, by the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction, be appealed to, by its Worshipful Master, to contribute such sums of money or provisions, for the relief and support of the Orphans' Home, as they may be able, and remit the same to the care of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Resolved, That Bro. H. C. Robinson, Grand Lecturer of the State of Mississippi, be, and he is hereby, requested to solicit and receive contributions for the "Orphans' Home," wherever he may travel in the exercise of his official duties, and remit the same to the care of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State.

The Grand Secretary presented a satisfactory report containing suggestions of an important character some of which might have been carried out with benefit to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Charles T. Murphy presented an admirable report on Foreign Correspondence, replete with interesting matter both original and selected. We are noticed in a fraternal manner.

The Grand Master was re-elected and Bro. J. L. Power, of Jackson was elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Lodges whose returns are published, 255; Lodges represented at Grand Communication, 182; Initiations reported, 714; Passings, 586; Raisings, 578; Admissions, 420; Reinstatements, 488; Dimissions, 765; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 18; Expelled for unmasonic conduct, 18; Died during 1868, 150.

Total Master Masons, (members), 9606; Estimated total in ten Lodges failing to report for 1868, 289; Estimated total in seven Lodges failing to report for previous years, 150; Non-Affiliated Masons who paid dues, 96; Non-Affiliated Masons who have not paid dues, 239; Entered apprentices before reported and not passed, 470; Fellow-crafts before reported and not Raised, 158; Initiations in 1868, 714; Passings in 1868, 586. Total Masons in Jurisdiction, 12,308.

JURISPRUDENCE.

1. In a case where a brother dimitted from Lodge A, and moved to Tennessee, and during next year returned to jurisdiction of his Lodge, at end of year was called upon by Secretary for dues, and refused or neglected to pay, the Secretary reported him "non-affiliated, not paid." Next year same occurred, and the year following he petitioned Lodge A for membership, but before ballot was spread withdrew his petition and dimit, he then petitioned Lodge B, four miles more distant, for membership, his dimit was regular, the committee reported favorably and he was elected. Lodge A complained to Grand Master, and Lodge B was by him ordered to day over to Lodge A dues from the date of dimit up to the time of his affiliation with Lodge B, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master deciding that the brother was, when received by Lodge B, under former regulations governing his case, virtually a suspended Mason, and could only be restored by paying dues to Lodge A.

2. When a brother Mason buys goods from another brother, and promises to pay him at a stated time, and fails, and afterwards avails himsels of the law known as the Bankrupt Act, charges will not hold good against the purchasing brother, unless he pledges his faith as a Master Mason, and obtains the credit thereby, or unless proof is submitted that the goods were bought with intent to defraud. The fact of being Masons does not deprive us of any legal rights or privileges accorded to any other class of citizens.

3. When a non-affiliated member applies for membership, or where a profane applies for initiation, and the committee of investigation reports unfavorably, the Master is in error to rule that the party is rejected. The ballot must be spread in all cases. Applications can be decided *only by secret ballot.*

4. In cases where Lodges elect brethren, who have never served as Wardens to the office of Worshipful Master, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master may, by special edict, upon all past Wardens declining to serve, declare such offices lawful.

5. Where a Worshipful Master discovers that a brother, entirely incompetent, has been installed into an office, he may suspend the functions of such office, and fill the place or station by a *pro tem.* appointment.

6. A brother cannot be installed into office if there be any charges pending against him, or if they be preferred at the time of installment.

7. The recommendations of P.·. G.·. M.·. Perkins, concerning "non-affiliated Masons," is renewed by G.·. M.·. Gathright, to wit: That "nearly all the Grand Lodges of the several States have agreed that they are unworthy Masons. It was once decided by the Grand Lodge of this State, that dimits should not be granted to members, under any circumstances, except the applicant is leaving the jurisdiction of the Lodge; and this decision was

put in the shade of a law, still unrepealed. Many Masons obtain dimits for the purpose, ostensibly, of joining other Lodges, and then fail to do so—thus becoming non-affiliated."

8. It is recommended that in order to give some zest to Monthly Communications, that Masters deliver lectures to their Lodges, not only in the ritual, as mere verbiage, but upon the traditions, history, genius, and symbolism of Free-masonry. If discussions were originated and presided over by the Master, good would be evolved.

9. Any subordinate Lodge which shall not properly punish the offenses of profanity, intemperance, and gambling—crimes against the fundamental principles of Masonry—shall forfeit its charter; but this shall not be so construed as to deprive the Lodge of a proper discretion in cases of confession and penitence.

10. It is a rule in Masonry, that when a case is laid before a Lodge for adjudication, the parties are bound to stand to the award. A refusal to do so would subject them to punishment, at the discretion of the Lodge.

11. A subordinate Lodge can lay no *per capita* tax on its members, except the regular annual dues.

12. A Fellow-craft cannot dimit. None but members can. On the removal of a Fellow-craft, the Lodge should furnish him with a certificate of his having received the degrees, and of his standing at the time. No recommendation or permission should be given to a distant Lodge to advance him, until such permission is solicited by the Lodge to which he applies for advancement, for obvious reasons—as, in the interval, he might prove unworthy.

13. A petition cannot be withdrawn after the ballot is taken.

14. The ballot having been taken on a petition for initiation, the box is presented to the Wardens for their examination, and they are required to declare the result whether or not the ballot is "clear." So, also, when it is presented to the Wor. Master, *he is required* to announce to the Lodge that the ballot is, or is not "clear" in the east. If there is one black ball, he may cause the ballot to be *retaken, once.* But if there is more than one black ball on the first ballot, or one remaining on the second, he is *required* to announce to the Lodge that the candidate is *rejected.* The sense of the Lodge has been taken, and he cannot withhold its decision without a gross dereliction of duty.

15. There is no rule restricting a Lodge from bestowing funeral honors on a distinguished non-affiliated Mason, in special cases. He could not demand it as a right, but the Lodge might grant it as a favor. Our Grand Lodge withholds the privilege, also, from those members who fail or refuse to pay Lodge dues; yet the Lodge might, under favorable circumstances, grant it as a favor to such members, although forfeited under the by-laws.

16. The fact of the candidate being elected by ballot to take any degrees does not render it imperative on the Lodge to confer it on him in opposition to the will of any member of the Lodge, as any member has the right to object at any time before the degree is conferred on him. If, even *after* the ballot is taken, it should come to the knowledge of the Master that a member objects to his receiving the degree, it is his duty to see that the degree is not conferred on him until the objection is removed. If a member enters the

Lodge after the ballot has been taken and is announced by the Master, he cannot demand that the ballot be passed again to allow him to vote, as after it is announced, it cannot be opened again or reconsidered. The Master has no further control over it. But the member may object to his receiving the degree, and the Master is bound to respect his objection, and to not suffer the degree to be conferred on him while there is an objection by any member; otherwise, discord would be introduced into the Lodge, which it is his duty to prevent, if possible. This is equally applicable to advancements.

17. A Lodge *cannot* do any business at the meeting to which it is called off to, that could be done at the stated meeting; and although this would be a continuation of the stated meeting, it is allowed solely for the purpose of *finishing* that which *was begun* and could not be finished on the first day, and to secure that object the unfinished business is required to be specified on the minutes, in order to see what they are authorized to do at the called meeting.

18. A sentence or suspension takes effect from the date of its passage by a subordinate Lodge, and continues pending an appeal to, and a decision by, the Grand Lodge.

19. Investing a Master elect with the degree of Past Master, is universally acknowledged to be a *sine qua non* in qualifying him for the chair; but a Lodge under Dispensation, before it is chartered, may be presided over by a brother who is not a Past Master.

20. The Lodge Room, in vacation of the Lodge, is under the control of the Worshipful Master, subject to the by-laws and previous action of the Lodge, and the Tyler is his keeper; and the Tyler would violate his duty in admitting any other Society into the Lodge Room, unless authorized by a resolution of the Lodge, or the express order of the Worshipful Master.

21. A Lodge cannot hold a suspended Mason liable for dues after sentence of suspension is passed. When a Mason is suspended or expelled, he is entirely cut off and debarred from all the privileges of Masonry throughout the Masonic world, during the term of sentence. The Lodge has no further claim on him, and the only control which a Lodge might exercise over a suspended Mason, is that of arraigning him for trial for an offense which might justify the infliction of the highest grade of Masonic punishment, that of expulsion.

21. Lodges do not now suspend members for non-payment of dues.

23. Hereafter every Subordinate Lodge, in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall pay to the Grand Lodge the proper dues for all the members thereof, who shall have been reported suspended for non-payment of dues to such Lodges, and shall hereafter be restored on payment of dues to such Lodge; and it shall be the duty of such subordinate Lodges, respectively, to include in their subsequent Annual Returns to this Grand Lodge, the regular dues for such reinstated members for the time they had been so suspended.

MISSOURI.

The forty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of St. Louis Oct. 12th to 16th, 1868 M. W., Wm. E. Dunscomb Grand Master, presiding. One hundred and forty-six Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a plain comprehensive document, relating principally to the business transactions of his office.

We quote :

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you that throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, so far as I have been able to learn, all is encouraging in the present and hopeful for the future. Within the Lodges masonic good will and zeal prevail, while the number of both Lodges and members is rapidly increasing. Since our last Annual Convocation, forty-two dispensations have been granted for the opening of new Lodges. In every instance the petition has been endorsed and strongly recommended by trustworthy brethren. In a number of cases, these new Lodges will supply the places of those once in existence, but which, in common with so much else that was noble and beautiful in our land, were destroyed in the fierce conflict of arms. Thus does Free-masonry seek not only to soften the passions which war unkindled, but also to heal the wounds and hide the scars it leaves behind.

As to work he says :

I have a recommendation or two in this connection, to submit to the Grand Lodge: Let the work, as exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, be declared by your solemn resolve to be the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, and then require the subordinate Lodges to conform to it. Many members of the Fraternity, and some of them old and experienced ones. deny that the work of the Grand Lecturer is the work adopted by the Grand Lodge, and the same as that known as the work of the Baltimore Convention ; but assume that, though the Grand Lodge has adopted the Baltimore Convention work, yet this has been subsequently changed by our Grand Lecturers. The endorsement suggested will settle this controversy finally.

And, again, I would suggest that every District Deputy, who shall receive an appointment, or be re-appointed hereafter, shall be strictly and thoroughly examined as to his proficiency by the Grand Lecturer before he is commissioned.

He concludes as follows :

The other subject to which I alluded is, the attempt in some localities to revive the old warfare against Masonry. Certain parties, and even certain religious denominations, have seen fit to array themselves against our beloved Institution, as dangerous to the well-being of society and subversive of religion. Why such charges should ever have been made, or why they should now be revived, I cannot imagine, unless it be to subserve personal selfish ends. Masonry teaches its members to be true to all their obligations as men. It does not array itself against religion, nor even claim a position of equality with it, but is content to be as a handmaid to it in ministering to purposes of human benefaction. But I have called your attention to this subject simply to say that when thus attacked and slandered without cause, it does not become us as Masons to return " railing for railing," but rather, by doing our duty, by keeping our Order free from all unworthy intruders, by guarding well our our own and each other's characters and conduct, to " put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full and satifactory account of his official duties.

The reports of the District Deputies show diligence in the discharge of their duties and represent the fraternity in Missouri as being in a prosperous condition.

The following resolutions were adopted, which are very proper:

WHEREAS, Information has been given to this Grand Lodge that subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, have, since the adoption of resolutions by this Grand Lodge, adopted at its Grand Communication, held in May, 1865, unqualifiedly condemning their infringement of our jurisdiction, yet persisted in making Masons of persons while still residing in this jurisdiction, thereby treating with contempt, our fraternal protest against such conduct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to address an official communication to the Grand Master of Iowa, directing his attention to the course pursued by Lodges in Van Buren and Daviess counties, in working up material properly belonging to Scotland county, in this State, and demanding that the evil be corrected.

Resolved, That Masons so made are clandestine, and cannot be recognized in this jurisdiction without being formally healed.

The monument erected to the memory of Bro. Anthony O'Sullivan, late Grand Secretary, was unveiled in the presence of the Grand Lodge and widow of the deceased. R. W., Bro. T. E. Garrett pronounced an appropriate tribute to the memory of our late brother.

"Freemasons Hall" was dedicated by the Grand Lodge. Bro. T. E. Garrett delivered a beautiful address on the occasion.

Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, presented an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, ours for 1867 included.

We are compelled to hurry through our report, having a very few days left us to complete it. We cannot therefore stop to discuss the question of Foreign representation with Bro. Gouley. His strictures are not very severe and we do not feel much hurt.

A page in the Proceedings is dedicated to the memory of the late Bro. Jas. H. Robinson, Past D. D. Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. John D. Vincil, of Macon City was elected Grand Master and Bro. Gouley re-elected Grand Secretary.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge in again securing the services of Bro. Vincil. A good man and model Grand Master.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

	1867*.	1868.	In-crease.	De-crease.
Number of Lodges on the roll	250	301	51	.....
" " making returns	230	300	.....	.....
" Members returned	12,230	14,437	.....	.....
No. members not returned (estimated)	270	320	.....	.....
Total membership	12,500	14,817	2,317	.....
Initiated	2,211	1,825	.....	386
Passed	2,098	1,649	.....	449
Raised	1,948	1,574	.....	374
Admitted	1,400	1,218	.....	182
Dimitted	1,146	912	.....	234
Died	175	172	.....	3
Suspended	113	140	27	.....
Expelled	53	34	.....	9
Reinstated	34	54	20	.....
Rejected	1,178	854	.....	324
Excess of admissions over dimissions	.....	.....	.....	306

*The report of 1867, included the work for eighteen months.

JURISPRUDENCE.

A Lodge has the right to discipline a member for an unmasonic offense committed previous to his initiation.

Any member of a Lodge has a right to object to a degree being conferred upon an elected candidate at any time previous to his introduction into the Lodge, and the Master is bound to respect his objections ; nor can the degree be conferred until said objection is withdrawn.

It is competent for a Lodge to restore an expelled member, if no appeal has been taken to the Grand Lodge ; *Provided*, the action is had at a regular meeting which all the members are notified to attend.

A member suspended for a definite time for the non-payment of dues is not discharged therefrom upon its expiration, but is liable to be suspended again for the same amount for which he was originally suspended, if he fail to liquidate it.

A Lodge under dispensation has not the power to arraign and discipline non-affiliates ; this is vested only in chartered Lodges.

A non-affiliated Mason can not prefer charges against a member of a Lodge.

It does not lie in the power of the Grand Master to interfere in cases after trial is had in a subordinate Lodge. Appeals must be taken to the Grand Lodge, and not to the Grand Master.

A member of one Lodge has no right to prohibit the initiation of a candidate into another. He may submit his objections to the Master, the Committee, or any member, and it is for either to determine whether they are sufficient.

It is improper and inexpedient for a Lodge to try a member for a crime while the same is undergoing investigation in the courts of the country.

A Master Mason made in an army Lodge subsequently affiliated with a

regular Lodge, dimitted therefrom, and applied for membership in this jurisdiction. In this case a Master Mason presenting a dimit from a regular Lodge, with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication, must be treated as though he was made a Mason in a regular Lodge ; but a Mason hailing from an army Lodge, and desiring to affiliate, must, under our law, take the same steps as a profane, and pay the regular fee.

Resolved, That an expelled Mason, restored to Masonic life and standing by proper authority, may petition for membership in any Lodge under whose jurisdiction he may reside, without regard to where he held membership before expulsion.

MISSOURI 1869.

Bro Gouley, the Grand Secretary, has our thanks for advance sheets of the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge—Annual Communication, Oct. 11th, 1869.

M. W., Rev. John D. Vincil, Grand Master presided. One hundred and sixty Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is able and gives a lengthy detail of the transactions of his office during the year. We were afforded much pleasure in its perusal.

He opens his address as follows :

"My Dear Brethren :—I congratulate you all on the auspicious return of this happy occasion, and offer you my sincere fraternal greetings to-day, as we reassemble in grand communication. Twelve months ago, this week, as a Grand Body, we were launched on the uncertain sea of life, for another official cruise, to battle with storms, combat with angry waves, or sail beneath sunny skies, as a wise Providence might order. Thanks be unto a merciful God, we have completed our voyage—having safely rode the billowy sea, weathered the storm, and rounded to. With sails furled and anchor cast we are again in port.

How varied and eventful the circumstances and histories of the world since last we convened in annual communication. Change has been abroad and earthly mutation has been rife, doing its long accustomed work. Earth has trembled beneath the foot-fall of earthquakes unchained. Navies have been stranded and rich argosies have been swallowed in the angry deep. Revolution and war have scarred the earth, disturbed empires, rocked dynasties, and shaken thrones to their fall. Commotion and apprehension have disquieted the nations ; but amidst a thousand vicissitudes, making the histories and fortunes of nationalities and of men, our noble "Craft" has serenely rode the waves, breasted the storms, and to-day, with all her timbers sound, points her vast crew to the inviting shores of exalted and glorious destiny.

We are reminded that the present flies, and the hereafter is at hand. Time, ever active, has hurried us all along the stadium of life The flight of another *annual* period indicates with unerring certainty the near approach of the sundown of mortal life to us all. We stand amid the gathering shadows, where flit the ghosts of departed hours, and perhaps wasted years. To-day

the hand of time gives another turn to his dial, which tells us that one more year of privilege and probation to us has been numbered amid the periods registered in the chronicles of God. Who of us will lay it to heart that we are thus nearer than e'er before that destiny whose name is ETERNITY.

As we have been graciously preserved through another year of toil, and having shaken off the dust of travel,

"With glad hearts and free,"

we now repair to this sacred retreat, to banish care, to cement more closely the bonds of alliance and friendship ; to increase the great moral forces of brotherhood, and to advance the grand principles of morality. I feel assured from my knowledge of the spirit and purpose of the Masonic fraternity of Missouri, and from the liberal attendance upon our annual gatherings, that whatever duties may challenge our thought and labor, will be met and discharged with a zeal and energy worthy of yourselves and the occasion. We have abundant reasons to circle our altars with devotions deep, and offer here incense pure, to God the "father of mercies," for the benefactions of the past year. Health and happiness, peace and prosperity, have filled the land and crowned our people. Improvements, developing and building up the country at large, and our own great commonwealth in particular, have advanced most encouragingly. The fruitful soil has largely rewarded the noble husbandman with plentiful crops. Success has remunerated our business men, and the citizen in general has cause for devout gratitude to a gracious heaven. Our State has been exempted, mercifully, from blasting pestilence, wasting disease, and frightful calamities. To the thoughtful and serious these are causes for most sincere acknowledgments to that universal Parent, whose ever open and bounteous hand supplies alike the wants of all His creatures. Amid the flowing bounties and munificent benefits of a kind Providence, we, as a brotherhood, have been participant with others. As such our ranks have not been broken and thinned by the destroyer, as in other years. Then let us, to-day, in rememberance of the favors received and enjoyed from God, sing to that

"Eternal source of every joy,
Whose praises now our lips employ,
While in His temple we appear,
Whose goodness crowns the circling year.

A great amount ef business has claimed my attention the past year. Indeed he who will FILL the office of G. M. of this flourishing jurisdiction, will find enough to engage his thought, occupy his time, and claim the labor of his hands to the exclusion of nearly every other pursuit.

Dispensations for twenty-three new Lodges were issued during the year.

The Grand Master complains of several causes of violation of the jurisdictional rights of his Grand Lodge on the part of Lodges in other jurisdictions, in conferring degrees on candidates, and very properly says :

"I dislike to speak harshly or judge uncharitably, but am constrained to utter the conviction that, seeking the honors of Masonry in places remote from the *residence* of the applicant, throws a dark cloud of suspicion about the case. It ought to raise a doubt in the minds of the brethren where the application is made, and that doubt should only be removed by the most indubitable assurances of worthiness, accompanied by all necessary *legal* authority to work up such material.

The committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to prepare a code of By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges submitted a code which though voluminious, are very good. We approve the system.

The Grand Treasurer reports as balance in Treasury October 1st, 1869, the snug sum of $8.641,17.

The Proceedings are voluminous and we are compelled to leave much unnoticed.

M. W. Wm. D. Muir, of Boonville, was elected Grand Master and Bro. Gouly re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The Eleventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Bellevue, commencing June 24th, 1869. M. W. O. H. Irish, Grand Master presiding, with a representation from fourteen Lodges.

From the excellent address of the Grand Master we quote the following which receives our hearty endorsement:

During the past year I have received a number of applications for dispensations, in reference to the conferring of degrees, none of which have been granted. The regulations of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinates are sufficiently liberal to meet any case of emergency presented. The occasions ought to be very rare, indeed, when the power of the Grand Master should be invoked for the speedy making of masons, the tendency being towards their production, in the usual manner to an extent injurious, precipitate and hasty, *time* being the ordinary measure to delay between the degrees, instead of known and determined *proficiency* in the knowledge of the earlier, the only criterion for the fitness of the applicant for the latter degree. I should rejoice in the establishment of more stringent rules in that respect.

In this connection let we say that too much caution cannot be exercised in the admission of members. Let every applicant's character be thoroughly canvassed, and admit no one who is not well known and well recommended for intelligence and moral worth. Numbers alone never yet gave strength. Real sterling and moral worth, only, elevate masonry, and give it that high stand among men to which it is entitled. Never permit any one to enter our sacred precincts merely becouse you know nothing against him; unless applicants have traits of character well known to qualify them for a participation in our privileges, it will add to our strength and happiness to let them remain where they are. A good rule to follow, would be to admit no one into the lodge that we would not be pleased to receive into our families on terms

of confidence. And when, for any reason, we find that unworthy persons have gained admission to our lodges, there should be no hesitation in suspending or expelling them, for such members bring reproach upon us, arm our opponents with weapons against us, and are the means of keeping out of the institution men who would honor their profession. Such corrupt branches should at once be lopped off, that the parent stem and healthy branches may not suffer through their unworthiness.

The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Lodge "upon the prosperous and flourishing condition of the order" throughout his jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary presented his report which shows much attention to the business of his office. He has inaugurated the project of a Grand Lodge Library, in which he has, to some extent, been successful.

His efforts to establish a complete and systematical machinery for the working of the Grand Lodge is commendable.

The safe of the Grand Treasurer was broken open and funds of the Grand Lodge to the ameunt of $703 were abstracted therefrom.

A case is presented of the suspension of a brother for non-payment of dues. The following facts in relatioa thereto are presented in a communication from Denver, Colorado:

Dear Brother :—Your communication of the 5th inst., notifying of the suspension from your lodge of Brother Charles Ruter, on May 1, 1868 for non-payment of dues, is at hand.

I regret that so serious a mistake has occurred, and hope on receipt of proper information, your lodge will recall its sentence : as much for the brotherly regard I have for Brother Ruter, as for the welfare of masonry.

Brother Charles Ruter joined with others (brethren here) in a petition to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Colorado for a charter to form a lodge in this place ; which petition was granted, and a charter issued and signed, to said petitioners under the name of "Union Lodge, No. 7," on the 3d day of November, 1863. Now, by the action of our Grand Lodge thus constituting Brother Ruter a charter member of Union Lodge, No. 7, he has always been of the impression that he was virtually dimitted from Capital Lodge, No. 3, and in this view of the fact I think masonic jurists will coincide. From the said 3d day of November, 1863, Brother Ruter has been a member of Union Lodge, No. 7, for two years an officer therein, and ever ready and prompt in paying his dues, and, I believe, strenuously endeavoring to follow the teachings of masonry.

Brother Ruter informs me that subsequently to the granting of our charter, he thinks about four years ago (the date he does not recollect), he addressed a letter either to the Secretary of your lodge or to one Wm. Hughes, in Omaha, asking for a dimit in form from your lodge, and also the amount of fees due up to that time. He does not definitely recollect, but says if he wrote to Hughes, he requested him to pay the dues and draw upon him for the amount, and also send the dimit. Never having heard from that letter he was of the impression that his request had been complied with, at least that his dues were paid.

The committee on the subject reported as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter at issue between Capital Lodge, No. 3, of this jurisdiction, and Union Lodge, No. 7, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in relation to Bro. Charles Ruter, have had the same under consideration. From the papers and facts in possession of the committee, the difficulty seems to be a conflict between Grand Lodge regulations and jurisdiction. Your committee therefore recommend that Capital Lodge, No. 3, reinstate Bro. Ruter upon payment of his dues in said lodge, up to the time he became a charter member of said Union Lodge, No. 7, together with such sums as Capital Lodge may have paid this Grand Lodge as dues for him.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Gaylord J. Clark, pronounced a beautiful oration from the conclusion of which we extract the following:

Recognizing God in all his works, the heart becomes purer, and more and more in harmony with the Creator of all, until we see greater charms in all the visible creation ; more loveliness in the stretch of plain, and the waving of woodland ; in the towering mountain and the fertile valley ; the smiling prairie and the darkly heaving see ; more beauty in the bending of the harebell, the bowing of the buttercup, the rising of the evening or the paling of the morning star. We hear a softer sigh in the breath of the night wind ; a tenderer music in the tinkle of the rivulet ; a deeper melody in the murmur of the stream ; a broader harmony in the flow of the river ; a more pleasant psalm in the dashing of the ocean. We see more clearly the beauty of earth; we hear more plainly the music of its voices—and seeing its beauty and hearing its music, with hearts at peace with God and man, we almost feel the benediction that is wafted towards us from the summer sky. Since, then, we know the effects of masonic teachings, how long should they be continued ? So long as there are charms in friendship ; beauty in unquestioning faith ; sacredness in solemn obligation ; so long as men suffer from confidences betrayed ; so long as the orphan weeps or widow mourns ; so long as the distressed need care, or there is suffering to be relieved ; so long as the horrors of war can be ameliorated, whether on bloody battle fields, slippery decks, or amidst billows of flame—so long should masonic lessons be taught, and so long should these lessons be observed.

Let us, then, brethren, see to it that we practice the virtues we teach, that we walk uprightly as men and masons ; that we observe the golden rule, and do to others as we would that they should do to us ; that we keep our consciences clear and our hearts pure ; that our lives becoming pathways of light in this world, we may have no fear when we come to be judged by the Great Architect, the Supreme and Eternal Master, the ever living God !

Bro. D. H. Wheeler, P. G. M., presented a well written report on Foreign Correspondence. North Carolina, for 1867 noticed.

M. W., O. H. Irish, of Nebraska City, and R. W., J. N. Wise, of Plattsmouth, were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 177 ; Passed, 150 ; Raised, 129 ; Admitted, 51 ; Reinstated, 2 ; Suspended, 7 ; Expelled, 3 ; Withdrawn, 52 ; Died, 4 ; Master Masons, 784.

JURISPRUDENCE.

NEW REGULATIONS.

Resolved, That it is unmasonic to endeavor to compel an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to take the degrees, or to expel one from a lodge without due trial and conviction for some masonic offence.

Resolved, That the right of a brother Master Mason to object to the admission of an applicant for membership, or for the several degrees conferred in a Master Masons' Lodge, cannot be denied ; and that where objection is made to the Worshipful Master, it is his duty to declare the brother or candidate *rejected,* without a ballot, unless the objection be withdrawn, even if the objecting brother be absent from the lodge at the time of making the objection, or when the balloting is ordered.

Resolved, That no lodge shall receive a petition for initiation from any person who has not been a resident of the state at least one year.

Resolved, 1. That where a non-affiliated mason permanently locates within the jurisdiction of any subordinate lodge in this state, and fails to make application for membership, or give a satisfactory reason for not doing so, for the space of one year from the date of such location, he thereby forfeits all claims, rights, benefits or recognition in masonry, of whatsoever kind ; and shall be considered and treated in all respects as a clandestine mason.

2. That all resolutions or acts of whatever nature, other than the foregoing resolution, heretofore had or passed by this Grand lodge, relative to non-affiliated masons, be and the same are hereby repealed.—1868.

Resolved, That where any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction shall be represented by only one of its officers, if no proxies be given by the other officers, the said officers *attending* shall be entitled to cast the number of votes to which such subordinate lodge would be entitled, were all of its officers present.—1868,

Resolved, That in granting charters for subordinate lodges, it is hereby required, that, before such lodges are constituted, the applicants shall comply with all the requirements of this Grand lodge.—1868.

Resolved, That it is absolutely required of all masons raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, to sign, in his own proper handwriting, the Constitution and By-Laws of the lodge conferring the degree ; and until the brother has done so, he shall not be authorized to take part in the proceedings, or be considered a member of the lodge.

NEVADA.

The Fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Virginia, Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th. 1868.

M. W. John C. Currie, Grand Master, presiding. Eight Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and devoted chiefly to local matters. We quote his opening remarks:

"Another year of harmony and prosperity has been added to the history of our Fraternity in this jurisdiction. Although the past year may not have been characterized by an exceeding growth of our material and business interests, yet we have much reason to thank the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the bsessings of life and health, and that we are again permitted to assemble around our sacred altar to render an account for the year gone by; and to consider the measures which, in our judgment, will conduce to the best interests of our institution in the future.

We meet with unbroken ranks; the dread Archer—Death—whose shafts our brethren in other jurisdictions have been called upon to deplore, has not, during the year, visited this Grand Lodge. I have to congratulate you, also, upon the fact, that although our numbers have increased slowly, yet the material worked into the building has been of excellent quality. The brethren have made a judicious use of that potent safeguard, the *black-ball*, and unworthy blocks have been, with a firm hand, thrown over among the rubbish."

The Grand Master decided that the loss of the index finger of the right hand does not disqualify a man from receiving the degrees of Mesonry, and in connection therewith remarks:

That although authorities on this, as well as many other subjects pertaining to the ancient regulations, are conflicting, I can perceive no valid reason why the Fraternity should be deprived of a valuable acquisition, through so trifling a physical defect. Yet I am sensible to what abuses this, or the slightest infringement upon the ancient regulations, is liable. It might, with some degree of plausibility, be urged that if the loss of one finger fails to disqualify, the loss of two fingers should not; and if not, why reject him who has none? To this I repy, that when the defect is of a character such as not to interfere with ritualistic acquirements, objections should not be had; and while the loss of one finger would not prove a bar, the loss of all certainly would.

The Grand Master further remarks:

I desire to say a few words touching the propriety, or rather impropriety, of Masonic testimonials; a custom which, by its universal character, belongs to this age and country, and which I feel called upon to condemn. It creates a suspicion that there is some hidden reason for it. Its gushing spontaneousness is an empty pretense, and the surprised recipient, responding to the unexpected, favor, either has the manuscript speech in his pocket, or a well-conned speech flows from his lips, declaring his inabilily to express the tumultuous emotions of his appreciating heart. I have frequently observed that the testimonial tide sets towards those who are in office or who have patronage to dispense. Workmen do not combine to present a token of esteem to a fellow for his excellent performance, although he may be the most deserving man in the world; may have done that which gives credit to or

confers a great benefit on his class. No one thinks, in such a case, of a testimonial, especially if he have the modesty accompanying true merit. There ought not to be in Masonry any of this pandering to the corrupting sentiment which thus absorbs what is the due of the widow and orphan and distressed worthy brother. I once knew of a testimonial, much talked of in Masonic circles, where the recipient was himself a large subscriber to the token. Other instances there are where the token was borrowed or hired for the occasion. Let these things never occur among us. Let our truly worthy brothers who merit "testimonials" decline them, and thus save the credi tof our fraternity, and assist in promoting the purity and usefulness of our honored institution.

We cannot agree with Bro. Currie as to the impropriety of this custom. Generally the testimonials are bestowed on those worthy of them, as a reward of merit and a token of regard which, to the recipient, is a source of pleasure. We are disposed to think too that instances as those mentioned where the testimonials were unworthily obtained are of unfrequent occurrence. Upon this point we publish the following:

Past Grand Secretary ROBERT H. TAYLOR, from the Committee on Testimonial to Past Grand Master DEBELL, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Nevada:—

I have the honor to report that the testimonial which at the last Annual Communication I was authorized to select and present to *M.·. W.·.* Bro. JOSEPH DEBELL, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, was selected and presented to the *M.·. W.·.* brother on the evening of December twenty-seventh, A. L. 5867, at Masonic Hill, in the City of Virginia, after the installation of the officers of *Virginia* Lodge, No. 3, and *Escurial* Lodge, No. 7, and in presence of a large assemblage of the Craft.

Deeming that the cheracter of the testimonial might "point a moral" familiar to the Masonic mind, a beautiful watch was selected for presentation. *M.·. W.·.* Bro. DEBELL feelingly responded to the few remarks which I had the pleasure of making on your behalf, and the "*time*" passed pleasantly.

Bro. R. H. Taylor presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a readable document. He says in conclusion:

Last year we reviewed the proceedings of *twenty* Grand Lodges; this year we notice or review the proceedings of *thirty-two* Grand Lodges. We have reaped—not *gleaned*—the field. Many rich sheaves of golden grain remain ungarnered, for want of room to place them. We have often been tempted to quote, when, upon examination we have found we could not do the authors justice by selecting such portion as would be compatible with our notions of the proper consumption of space. We have discovered much to admire—something to condemn—but in the main, we have found the asperities of the past few years giving place to the genial influences of the true spirit of forbearance, brotherly love and Masonic charity. May the day be not distant when the gentle teachings of the Craft shall subdue the hearts of Masons, wheresoever dispersed, to love and unity; when all within the mystic circle

shall "by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, convince mankind of the goodness of the Institution; so that when a person is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrow; to whom distress may prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and his heart is expanded by benevolence."

He also delivered an eloquent oration before the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Geo. W. Hopkins was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. W. A. M. Van Bokkelen, re-elected Grand Secretary, both of Virginia.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Initiated, 145; Passed, 135; Raised, 137; Affiliated, 144; Withdrawn, 73; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 19; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 0; Expelled, 1; Reinstated, 11; Died, 12; Rejected, 91; Entered Apprentices, 44; Fellow Crafts, 12; Master Masons, 921; Dues to Grand Lodge, $2,261.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Q At a trial for unmasonic conduct, can the accused testify in his own behalf?

A. Yes; any evidence allowed in a Court of Law should be taken on honor.

Q. Can a Master Mason be tried for and convicted of unmasonic conduct, alleged to have been committed after he was *initiated* or *passed*, but before being *raised*?

A. Yes.

Q. Does speaking disrespectfully of the Holy Bible, constitute a Masonic offense; if so, what should be the penalty?

A. Yes; the Holy Bible is one of the three great Lights of Masonry, and any Mason who speaks disrespectfully of it shows a disregard of one of the first lessons taught him at his initiation. The punishment should be in accordance with the gravity of the offense.

Q. Is a general charge of unmasonic conduct, viz: "Speaking disrespectfully of the fraternity," sufficiently specific to put a brother on trial; and on such trial may evidence be taken and the brother convicted of acts done or words spoken, not embraced in the specifications?

A. No; the words used, as nearly as possible, and the acts done should be embraced in the specifications. If a man is brought to trial, justice requires that he should be fully informed of what he is accused, so that he may be prepared to defend himself.

Q. If a commission be composed of nine, can the accuser and accused agree that seven may try and four convict?

A. No; if a Lodge has elected nine commissioners, of whom it would take five to convict, it is not in the power of any person or persons to altar the action of the Lodge in that respect: although a smaller number than the nine could proceed to try the case, it would require five to convict.

Q. After an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is dropped from the rolls, has he any Masonic rights; if so, what?

A. Yes; all the rights he had before being dropped from the roll.

Q. When an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft applies to his Lodge for permission to be *passed* or *raised* by a sister Lodge, is a single objecting voice sufficient to deny the request?

A. No; the same course should be pursued as would be required if he applied to his own Lodge for advancement. The brother must state his objections, and the objections be investigated.

Q. If the W.·. M.·. is unable, owing to absence or other cause, to preside at a trial, can the Senior Warden or Junior Warden preside?

A. Yes.

Q. Can a Lodge under dispensation try a brother for unmasonic conduct?

A. Yes.

Q. Can a Lodge under dispensation compel non-affiliates to affiliate or lose their Masonic standing?

A. Yes; our Constitution provides that the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge, "with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation." If, therefore, a Lodge under dispensation has the right to admit members by affiliation, it should have the power to cause non-affiliates to appear and affiliate, or show cause why they should not.

Q. Is it not the inherent right of every Master Mason in good standing to be present at a trial of a brother, until such time as the commissioners proceed to deliberate on their verdict?

A. Not unless he is a member of the Lodge to which the charges were preferred, or of the Lodge to which the accused belongs, or the accuser himself, if not a member of either Lodge.

Q. Is it not an abuse of power for the W. M. of a Lodge to prohibit a Master Mason, a member of his Lodge, from attending a meeting of his Lodge, without assigning any reason, either to the Lodge or to the members prohibited?

A. Yes; and should be dealt with as provided for in the Constitution.

Q. Has not a Master Mason, charged with an offense, the right after all the evidence is in at the trial, to argue his own case before the commissioners?

A. Yes.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Your Committee have received the following memorial from a body styling themselves the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

To the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of North Carolina:

The Memorial of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick SHEWETH,—

That at a Convention of duly Warranted Lodges, held at the City of Saint

John, in the Province of New Brunswick, in British North America, in the month of October last, the Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick was, by the unanimous action of sixteen Lodges, erected upon the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Freemasonry.

That the circumstances which prompted this action are set forth in the published Proceedings of Convention, and of the First Communication of this Grand Lodge, transmitted for your information.

That this Grand Lodge hath been duly erected by the united action of a large majority of the Lodges established in the Province, and embracing the different Jurisdictions heretofore represented in New Brunswick.

That this Grand Lodge, so legally erected, according to the Ancient Constitutions of the Craft, claims, and has sole and exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction over Ancient Craft Masonry within this Province of New Brunswick.

This Grand Lodge, therefore, desires that Fraternal Communication may be established between your Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

THIS MEMORIAL, By Resolution of the Grand Lodge, is issued under the hand of the M. W. Grand Master and the Seal of Grand Lodge, this Sixth day of April, A. D. 1868, A L. 5868.

[SEAL.]

B. LESTER PETERS, GRAND MASTER.

W. F. BUNTING, GRAND SECRETARY.

Your committee, after a careful investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Lodges of New Brunswick, believe that the Lodges of that jurisdiction should have an independent Grand Lodge, the system of having a number of Subordinate Lodges in one political territory, under the jurisdiction of various grand bodies, is always bad, and is never intended to last longer than a period when they shall have acquired strength and numbers to organize themselves into a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodges to which the Subordinate Lodges of New Brunswick owed allegiance, were severed, and consequently in the territorial jurisdiction, there were as many different sets or systems of laws, as there were ruling Grand Bodies. Add to this, the fact, that these Grand Lodges were generally in Europe, and governed in the territory by a Provincial Deputy Grand Master. It is easy to see, that such a state could only last during a formative state. It was essentialy necessary to the life and success of the craft, that they should meet together and consult and legislate upon their matters. For their feelings, their interest, their rights and their wrongs were common, and hence it was necessary that they should have a common Grand Lodge. They have pursued the same course as other Masonic bodies similarly situated, have pursued in all ages, and your committee see no good reason why they should not be admitted in the great galaxy of Grand Lodges of the world, and do recommend to this Grand Lodge that they be recognized, and that Masonic intercourse be opened with them.

We have the Proceedings of the first Annual Communication of this

Grand Lodge, held at the City of St. John, 23d and 24th of September, 1868.

M. W. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master. Twenty-three Lodges represented.

We are glad to see that our young sister is growing finely.

The Grand Master thus remarks:

I am glad to congratulate the Grand Lodge, at this, the first Annual Communication, upon the success which has attended our organization.

Since the inauguration of this Grand Lodge in January last, several Lodges formerly holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England have been added to our Roll, which now numbers twenty-four Lodges; and there remain but two Lodges in the Province that have not as yet communicated any action taken in the matter, both of these Lodges being on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In accordance with resolution of this Grand Lodge, a Circular was addressed to the Grand Lodges throughout the world, announcing our organization and claiming Masonic recognition. Answers have already been received tendering fraternal greeting from the Grand Lodge of Maine, Iowa, Indiana, Texas and Connecticut.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, states that the returns from the several Lodges exhibit a total membership of 1,312 and 177 representatives entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

He reports further that "all the Lodges in the Province, with the exception of two (holding Warrants from Scotland) have given in a willing and cheerful allegiance to the Grand Lodge."

The "Board of General Purposes" submitted a report, embracing sundry regulations, which were adopted.

The erection of a Masonic Temple now engrosses the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, both of Saint John, were re-elected.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Communication for 1868, was held in Concord, 10th and 11th of June, 1868. M. W. G. M., John H. Rowell, presiding. Sixty-three Lodges represented.

The Grand Master makes a gratifying report as follows:

The past year has been one of peace, prosperity and happiness among the Fraternity; no jarring notes of discord have saluted our ears; we have constantly and steadily increased in numbers, and, we trust, in strength, and in the admiration and respect of the whole community.

From all I learn from the reports of the several D. D. G. M.'s there seems to prevail a spirit of harmony throughout the jurisdiction. The institution

still retains a strong hold and power for good in the community and throughout the whole world ; many are knocking at our outer doors, from all ranks in society, from the highest in rank to the humblest among us ; the danger, if any, is that we may grow too fast and not use that caution essentially necessary in the choice of the sundry material of which our edifice is composed.

He concludes as follows:

But as long as we live up to the tenets of our profession, and practice the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, following that great light of Masonry which leads to all truth, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, we need not fear all that may oppose. No institution has ever been founded on truer principles to advance the cause of virtue and morality, and the lessons we are there taught will be indellibly written on our hearts, teaching us faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind.

The Grand Master, in appropriate terms, announces the deaths of the following brethren, some of the most venerable of the Fraternity: Virgil Chase, Past S. G. W., aged 71 years, Gorham W. Haitt, P. D. G. M., aged 63 years, Imri Woods, Past Dist. D. G. M., aged 78 years, Weare Tappan, Past G. M., aged 78 years.

Dispensations for two new Lodges had been issued during the year.

We notice the following in the Proceedings:

The committee on foreign correspondence to whom was referred a communication from a committee of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina relative to a National Masonic University, have considered the subject and report :

That in our opinion, the establishment of such an institution is inexpedient, even were it probable that the Grand Lodges could be induced to unite for that purpose.

We therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge decline to take any action relative to the establishment of a National Masonic University, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

We presume the project has been abandoned on our part.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, embracing nearly 177 pages, was presented by Bro. John J. Bell, and contains much of interest.

Bro. Bell says of us:

The committee on jurisprupence reported, that complaint be made to the Grand Lodge of Novia Scotia, of the action of two of its constituent Lodges before it was formed, and while those Lodges were under another jurisdiction ; that an Entered Apprentice who had lost his right arm could not be advanced ; and that a Master who refused to receive a petition because the candidate could not write his name, did right. This last was overruled by the Grand Lodge, from which we fear that the state of education is low in the old North State, for with the facilities for education in most parts of the country, a man who was worthy to be made a Mason could hardly be stopped by that objection.

We cannot see the force of Bro. Bell's last remark. He seems to misapprehend the position of our Grand Lodge. The action of the Master in refusing to entertain a petition because the candidate could not write his name, was not sanctioned by the Grand Lodge in as much as the opinion of the committee, that the act was proper, was overruled. Therefore, Bro. Bell's opinion that "a man who was worthy to be made a Mason could hardly be stopped by that objection," is identical with the decision of our Grand Lodge.

M. W., Alex. M. Winn, of Farmington, was elected Grand Master, and the venerable Bro. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

There is no summary of statistics.

The Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Communication held December 27, 1867, contain nothing of general interest.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Trenton, January 20th and 21st, 1869. M. W., Henry R. Cannon, Grand Master, presiding. About eighty Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a dignified and interesting document.

He says:

The steady and uniform increase in our membership, the zeal and generous rivalry displayed by the officers and brethren of the Subordiate Lodges, in striving to promote the best interests of our institution, the increased proficiency of the officers of Lodges in rendering the work of Masonry, the decided improvement made in the preparation and adornment of Lodge rooms, and above all, the fact that so few of our number have been removed from earth and earthly scenes during the past year—these all are causes for mutual congratulation and thanksgiving, as we meet once more in our Annual Assembly.

He announces the death of Elias Phillips, aged 73 years, for twenty-seven years identified with the Fraternity, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from 1843 to 1863.

We notice the following in the address:

An application was made to me during the year in behalf of the orphan children of deceased masons in the State of North Carolina. Upon receiving the official approval of the M. W. Grand Master of that State, I cordially recommended the same to the consideration of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. That so little interest has been manifested in an appeal addressed so directly to the sympathy and assistance of the brethren in this State has been a cause of sincere regret.

The Grand Master thus concludes his address, which are excellent sentiments :

We must, as the representatives of the brethren of this jurisdiction, endeavor to instill, into the minds and hearts of those over whom we may be placed, the great end and aim of true Masonry. I am the more inclined to urge this upon you, because I have reason to believe that the lectures of our ritual, beautiful, earnest, instructive though they are, are too often listened to as a mere formality, to be gone through with, and intended only for the instruction of the candidate. How important, then, does it become for you, who have been called to superintend the craft during the ensuing year, to inculcate, by every means in your power, not only by greater impressiveness in the delivery of these lectures, but by word and example, the truths and duties of our noble Institution. Again, Masonry is not a society founded, as we fear too many suppose, for the advancement of social pleasure, or entertainment of an evening in each week. It has a higher, nobler aim. It seeks the good and well being of mankind everywhere, and under all circumstances. It seeks to relieve the distressed, to cheer the downcast, to elevate the race, and to inculcate those sound moral principles upon which, in a great degree, is based all human happiness. To have any lower aim than this, is to degrade the noble Institution which has come down to us, through the centuries, with all its hallowed associations, with all its wise teachings, to the level of a social club. Let us, one and all, use our utmost endeavors to inculcate correct views among the brethren, as to the grand end and aim of Free Masonry, that its wisdom, strength and beauty may be more truly appreciated.

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robert Rusling, submitted a brief report, in which he says :

I have been exceedingly gratified in my visitations during the year just closed, to find the officers of Lodges, with but few exceptions, so proficient in the standard work ; in its exemplification great accuracy is observed, the various lectures are delivered in an easy and impressive manner, and candidates for Masonic light are thereby presented with the cherished traditions of our Order in an intelligent and comprehensive form.

The Grand Wardens each, presented a report giving an account of their visitations to Lodges during the year. They represent very general uniformity in work throughout the jurisdiction.

Bro. Wm. H. DeWolfe was recognized and received as the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Bro. J. H. Hough, Grand Secretary, presented, as usual, a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence.

North Carolina for 1867 reviewed.

He sustains the position of our Grand Lodge upon the question of the rejection of the petition for the degrees of a candidate who cannot write his name.

The Grand Master, and Bro. Jos. H. Hough, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Members, 7729 ; Fellow Crafts, 175 ; Entered Apprentices, 211 ; Dimitted, 216 ; Suspended, 12 ; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 108 ; Expelled, 6 ; Deceased, 79.

JURISPRUDENCE.

In granting permission to a Lodge to receive the petition of a rejected candidate, the vote should be by ballot.

When charges are preferred against a member of a Lodge, the Master has not the right to appoint a committee of investigation, until the Lodge has consented by vote to receive the charges.

A slight impediment of speech, not sufficient to prevent a person from repeating the work intelligibly, is not sufficient cause for the rejection of a candidate.

An unaffiliated Mason cannot prefer charges against a member of a Lodge.

Unaffiliated Masons should be deprived of the right of visitation, after a suitable time has elapsed for them to establish their membership.

Charges for unmasonic conduct cannot be acted upon at a special communication of a Lodge.

The right of a candidate to receive his degrees is subject to the By-Laws of the Lodge to which he has applied. A By-Law of a Lodge, requiring candidates to receive their degrees within a reasonable specified time, is regular and should be enforced.

In balloting for candidates, every member present should be required to vote.

Charges preferred, and referred to a committee, cannot be withdrawn. Justice to the brother accused, and to the Lodge, requires a decision as to the guilt or innocence of the brother so charged.

NEW YORK.

Annual Communication, June 2d to 6th, 1868. M. W., Stephen H. Johnson, Grand Master, presiding. Five hundred and ninety Lodges represented. The annual address is a very creditable document and truly masonic.

The deaths of P. G. Masters, Finlay M. King and Reuben Hyde Walworth and P. G. Secretary, James Herring are announced.

On the subject of Work the Grand Master remarks:

Much effort has been made and great pains taken to secure a uniform system of work and lectures in this jurisdiction, and a very gratifying progress has been made in this direction. Most of the Lodges already possess the work, or are earnestly engaged in an effort to render themselves proficient. There are, it is true, slight discrepancies; but, in the main, the work is, as a general thing, alike. Such differences as do exist, with a few exceptions, are not, in

my judgment, essential. It would, indeed, be a formidable undertaking to secure absolute and perfect uniformity in every minute particular. I have recently learned that a few Lodges are reluctant to adopt the standard work of the Grand Lodge, and still adhere to a different mode. I would respectfully recommend, that in all such cases the District Deputy in the district where it occurs, as soon as he ascertains the fact, be required to suspend the warrant of the Lodge thus failing to comply with the requirement of the Grand Lodge in that respect, and to report the fact to the Grand Master, and that the warrant shall remain suspended until the Lodge shall furnish evidence that it is in possession of the standard work, and signify their willingness to practice it.

We agree with the Grand Master that it would be a "formidable undertaking to secure absolute and perfect uniformity in every minute particular." There is generally too much quibbling about crossing t's and dotting i's. We believe, however, in having *one* Work and requiring Subordinates to conform *strictly* thereto, a similarity as far as possible in phraseology, and good grammar to be adhered to.

We endorse the following:

Our foreign relations continue to be of the most satisfactory nature, excepting (I regret to be obliged to add) the continued invasion of our jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, regardless of the opinions of the Masonic world. On men so persistently determined to do wrong, argument and friendly persuasion appear to be lost, and it seems to me that we can only continue to protest against their invasion of our rights of the principles of justice and Masonic comity, and trust that at some future time they may be led to recognize their error, retrace their steps, and do justice in the matter. A detailed report of such matters will, as usual, be furnished by the able Committee charged with our Foreign Correspondence.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that twenty-eight Lodges were organized under Dispensation during the year.

A resolution expressive of the feelings of the Grand Lodge at the death of our distinguished Bro. James Buchanan, late President of the United States, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence, through M. W., John L. Lewis, P. G. M., presented as usual, an able report.

The committee dissent from our decision that an Entered Apprentice receiving a maim after his initiation, should not advance. They deem it a "forced construction on the old law."

The decision of our committee on Jurisprudence in 1867, that a Master may reject a petition when the petitioner, unable to write his name, appends his mark, is approved. This decision was overruled by our Grand Lodge.

M. W., James Gibson, of Salem, was elected Grand Master, and R. W., James M. Austin, of New York City, re elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of Lodges in the State, 635; Number represented at annual communication of 1868, 590; Number of initiations, 8,855; Number affiliations, 1,408; Number of rejections, 2,462; Number of Dimissions, 2,662; Number of expulsions, 44; Number of suspensions, 49; Number stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, 1,545; Number of restorations to membership, 310; Number of deaths, 709; Whole number of members, 70,333; Dues of Lodges, June 1, 1868, $62,461.87.

JURISPRUDENCE.

We copy some decisions of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

M. W., Bro. Holmes presents the following question: "When twenty members of a Lodge are charge with the commission of a joint offense, the charge being the signing by all of a document claimed to be libelous, can each of the twenty claim a separate trial and a separate and different commission?"

Your Committe hold the object of all Masonic inquests to be the discovery of truth, that substantial justice may be rendered in all cases; and they believe that all unnecessary formalities tending to retard and complicate the administration of justice, are in contravention of the established principles of the Craft. Where, then as in the case submitted, the act charged is a joint one and the measure of guilt (if any) must be precisely the same in every case, and hence the establishment of the facts charged, or the failure to do so, must bear with equal weight for or against each and all of the accused, to require or to admit that on the simple demand of the accused there should be twenty repetitions of the same evidence before twenty different commissions, is a supposition so extreme as not to be within the limits of a simple inquiry into the truth or falsity of a given and well-defined state of facts. Your Committee are of the opinion that such a claim can not be allowed.

"After a candidate has been elected for initiation and advancement, can a brother at a subsequent communication call for a ballot? And if such ballot result in a rejection, does not the candidate stand in the same position as if originally rejected?" We answer both questions in the affirmative.

"After a candidate has been initiated, and a brother calls for a ballot resulting in a rejection, is it not necessary for the brother to prefer charges against the candidate so initiated, or would it not be competent for the Master to proceed and confer the second and third degrees?"

We answer that there is no obligation resting upon the brother calling for the ballot to prefer charges, nor is it proper to assume that on account of such call he is the depositor of the contrary ballot. The rule that no brother can be held responsible for the manner of his ballot, if he chooses to keep it secret, applies here as well as in the first instance; and as it can not be lawfully known who deposits the negative ballot, neither can any member be held obliged to prefer charges because such a ballot has been cast. It follows, of course, that the Master can not proceed to confer the remaining degrees until the objection has been lawfully removed.

"Is a brother, who was a Warden of a Lodge U. D., and also Warden Lodge

from the time it received its warrant until the next annual election, but who has not since held office, eligible for Master?"

It is decided that a Warden having served up to the annual election next after the reception of the warrant is eligible to the mastership, then or at any future time; and in like manner, a Master performing similar service in a Lodge becomes a regular Past Master.

When permission is asked by one Lodge to initiate a candidate previously rejected in another, is it necessary to have such permission before the candidate is elected?"

It is for the consenting Lodge to decide, when and under what circumstances they will yield jurisdiction over the candidate. If, therefore, they require him to be accepted before giving consent that course must be adopted, otherwise not.

NEW YORK, 1869.

The Annual Communication for 1869, (86th,) was held in the City of New York, June 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th.

M. W., James Gibson, Grand Master, presiding. Six hundred and nine Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is an able document—one of the best we have had the pleasure of reading.

We quote the following:

In conformity with an ancient custom in our Israel, and ordained as a requirement by our Constitution, we have assembled in the Eighty-Sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to consider for the past and provide for the future.

"Let us be reverently thankful to the Giver of all good, that we are enabled to assemble in peace, love and unity, with none to molest us or make us afraid, and thus to open and hold our convocation, with public notice, in open day, without the previous consent, and without the fear of any power, potentate, or sovereignty whatever, foreign or domestic, temporal or spiritual. That though a Pope and a Cardinal, a Synod and a Presbytery, have alike cursed and anathematized us, "we still live," and that by our fruits shall we be finally judged; and not by these tribunals of the earth, earthy, but by the high and holy One that inhabiteth eternity, whose justice, though we may and ought to fear, is yet tempered with mercy, which is everlasting, and by his love, which never faileth.

"Let us also be thankful that our dwelling-place is in a land of civil and religious freedom, where we are blessed with that "perfect law of liberty" which our Father gives to the least as well as to the best, not demanding that we should bow down to this sect or to that picture, in this grove or on that mountain, but granting us toleration as to our particular doctrines, requiring us only to believe in Him, and to be obedient and faithful unto his holy law.

The deaths of Rev. Bro. Charles H. Platt, Grand Chaplain, and

Bro. Seawell Fisk, for 18 years Grand Tiler, aged respectively, 47 and 81 years, are announced.

We exteact the following, which meets our commendation:

"First in importance, and among the first in time, of difficult questions presented to me for examination and decision, after the closing of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, was that as to the policy to be pursued in granting dispensations for opening new Lodges.

No one who has carefully observed the signs of the present, indicating difficlties and dangers to the Fraternity in the future, can have failed to be satisfied that the rapid multiplication of Lodges is one of the greatest perils that Masonry, from its almost certain consequences, has to fear. It necessarily invites a great rush at the threshold, which the new Lodge has neither the experience nor the nerve to resist. The knowledge they have not, for that is only obtained by age and observation ; the *nerve* they rarely or never exercise, as they are compelled to meet large expenses necessarily arising from the opening of a new Lodge, the construction or fitting up a hall, the procuring insignia and jewels, the payment of the Grand Lodge fee, and the thousand other items, often grossly extravagant, but thought to be necessary, to enable them to compete successfully with the established Lodges in their vicinity. The new Lodge is desirous of a large roll, of an elegant hall, of a full treasury, and is too forgetful that these good things, in themselves, may be obtained at the loss of the permanent welfare and prosperity of the Craft. By the gratification of these desires they are prevented from exercising that just discrimination and careful scrutiny as to petitions for the degrees, absolutely essential to the securing suitable material for the Masonic temple, proposed to be constructed by the new Lodge. The certain result is sure to follow, and the temple under construction is erected of rough stones, and put together with untempered mortar, the true work of Masonry lost sight of or neglected, and that temple which, had it been erected of good materials and in a proper manner, would have stood as an enduring monument of the faithful laoors of its founders, is soon leveled with the dust of the earth, and the "place which once knew it shall know it no more forever." There have aleady many such Lodges been organized, worked in this manner, and they are struggling for life, or have died; enough to show plainly how dangerous is the path we have trodden ; enough standing as grave-stones of Masonry—monuments marking the sloughs into which the Craft have fallen from the errors of the past."

The Grand Master complains of the invasion by Lodges in the State, of the "territorial and material" jurisdictions of each other.

He says:

"There is no subject on which the Grand Master has had more painful difficulty than that arising from the unlawful and sometimes shameful conduct of Lodges in seizing any material within their reach, and making Masons, or called such after their hasty and ill-considered work is over, regardless alike of the material they are getting into their own temple and that they are foisting on to other and sister jurisdictions, or on to the Fraternity at large. The repression of this evil, and the necessary executive acts in consequence

of the commission of the offense, have required much time and labor, and, it is hoped, will prevent its frequency in future."

We heartily endorse the following sentiments of the Grand Master:

"The secrecy of the ballot, on an application for initiation, is a landmark, and the Constitution also ordains that it "shall be inviolably secret." This principle should be preserved because it is a landmark ; and it should be respected and obeyed, because the regulation is necessary to preserve the unity and welfare of our Institution. There is no officer in the Fraternity so high that he can disregard this commandment, and no member, junior or senior but is entitled to shelter himself, from any question on the subject, under the broad privilege of its inviolable secrecy. How can the ballot be secret, if there is any one in the Lodge entitled to know its character? If the reasons or motives of a brother in casting a black ball can be inquired into, then it follows that the like inquisition can be had as to the motives of those casting white balls. And if motives can be inquired for, and a bad one is stated, it logically follows that the brother who is not actuated by motives satisfactory to others is subject to charges and a trial. Every brother voting on a petition has a Masonic right to vote as he thinks proper. He ought to vote with a conscience void of offense against God or man, but he is not responsible for the act to any human tribunal. When a rejection takes place, the balloting should have been so "inviolably secret," that no one could possibly know how any other voted, or who cast a rejecting ballot. No one has any right to know, or even to inquire. On a ballot being spread, the brethren are placed under Masonic honor that each will vote secretly, and that each one will bear his share of the burden of the result, be it what it may. If a rejection is declared, each one voting should stand as one who might have cast the rejecting ballot, and no one should inquire of another as to his vote, or inquire at all, much less go about the Lodge making confusion and strife, and angrily seeking unlawfully to know by whom the rejecting ballot was cast. On the contrary, when a rejection occurs, no brother ought to take offense. He who proposed the candidate exercised a Masonic right, no stronger than his who rejected the petition. The brother who recommended the candidate should recollect that the stranger's admission would give offense to a brother, and compel him to either leave the Lodge or fraternally acknowledge one whom he may consider degraded or dishonored, or whom he may despise. What is the applicant to us, my brethren, that we should have strife on his account? He is nothing but a stranger, while we, as Father Abraham said to Lot, "be brethren ;" and I trust will ever cultivate with each other "brotherly love, the foundation and cap stone, the cement and glory, of our ancient Fraternity."

The address contains much of interest, which we are compelled for the want of space, to leave unnoticed.

Receipts, $67,947.74 ; Disbursements, $67,469.99.

The Grand Lodge has adopted measures looking to the erection of a costly Masonic Hall.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. John W. Simons and M. Pinner, and is one of considerable merit. North Carolina receives a fraternal notice.

Referring to the report of the Chairman of our committee on Foreign Correspondence of last year, they remark :

"Bro. Rorert B. Vance presented a very full and well-digested Report on Correspondence. In his notice of New York for 1867, he quotes from the address of Grand Master Holmes "our foreign relations, with a single exception, are all that the most enthusiastic member of the Craft could desire," and suggests that this exception may refer to North Carolina. We take great pleasure in assuring him that the remark of M. W. Bro. Holmes had no such allusions. To reach the place at which he pointed the needle will have to be turned clear across the ocean, and its point be stopped in the neighborhood of Hamburg. We assure our North Carolina brethren that we entertain toward them no feelings but those of the most cordial regard. Having corrected their misapprehension touching the Past M. W. affair, we are aware of no reason why our ancient amity should be further disturbed, nor shall it be if we can avoid it.

We fully appreciate the expression of fraternal regard on the part of the brethren, and assure them it meets with our warm reciprocation.

The Grand Master and R. W., Bro. James M. Austin, M. D., of New York City, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

Bro. Geo. H. Raymond is Grand Lecturer, with an annual salary of $2,500.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of Lodges in the State, 643 ; Number represented at annual communication of 1869, 609; Number of initiations, 7,609; Number of affiliations, 1,103; Number of rejections, 2,526 ; Number of dismissions, 2,102; Number of expulsions, 54; Number of suspensions, 45; Number stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, 2,058; Number of restorations of membership, 349; Number of deaths, 695; Whole number of members, 74,079; Dues of Lodges, June 1, 1869, $60,239.14.

JURISPRUDENCE.

We copy some of the decisions of the Grand Master:

The entire fee received on the initiation of a candidate belongs to the Lodge and Grand Lodge, and nothing is charged for the other degrees; and if they are never conferred by reason of a candidate's unworthiness, or indolence, or from objection being made to his advancement, or any other cause, he does not thereby become entitled to have any part of the money refunded.

"Master masons in good standing have a right to dimit from a Lodge, and an application for such dimit must be made personally, or in writing under

signature of the brother, and in open Lodge; and a Lodge can not lawfully, without any cause, and arbitrarily, refuse to grant it; if refused without sufficient cause, the action is subject to correction by appeal to the Gaand Lodge or Grand Master.

"Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts have no right to a dimit."

When a Lodge regularly strikes the name of a member from the roll, unless done in a collusive, tyrannical, or oppressive manner, it can not be compelled restore him.

Healing is always required when a candidate has been unlawfully made a Mason.

A *clandestine* Mason can not be healed; such person having unlawfully sought light can not be accepted in any Lodge except as a profane; nor, then, without consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Healing is Masonically by re-O. B. But a new proposition, reference, report, and unanimous consent, may, and should be required where a landmark was originally violated, and in extreme cases of wrongful act in the original making in a regular Lodge.

After a Lodge has regularly approved the minutes of a communication, they can not expunge anything therefrom proper to have been written."

The Master elect of a Lodge must be in possession of the Past Master's degree prior to, or at the time of his installation.

Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts have *no right* to travel Masonically, or visit other Lodges, though open in the degree to which they have attained. But the Master of such Lodge may allow them to to enter from courtesy.

A petition for initiation may be withdrawn after it has been presented to the Lodge, and before it has been accepted or referred.

OHIO.

The fifty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Dayton, October 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d, 1868.

M. W., Howard Matthews, Grand Master, presiding. Two hundred and sixty-five Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a full resume of his official acts, and contains matters of interest.

He says:

An unprecedented degree of harmony, and consequent prosperity, has prevailed among the Subordinates of this jurisdiction, and everywhere we find them industriously and assiduously occupied in erecting a temple more enduring than that of Solomon, "without the sound of ax, hammer, or any tool of iron."

We are glad to receive such a gratifying report from our brethren in Ohio.

The Grand Master issued Dispensations for twenty new Lodges during the year.

Upon this subject, he says :

You will thus see that a very large number of Lodges have been dispensated. There is nothing left by you to the discretion of the Grand Master, where all the necessary forms have been complied with, as I think there should be, and it is a subject of doubt with me whether the wants of the Craft require so large an annual increase in the number of Lodges. It may be that want of harmony in some Lodges has induced new organizations; perhaps disappointed ambition in obtaining office, a desire to avoid association with factious members, or other causes, have had this effect. It might be well to require at least one of the consenting Lodges to certify that the formation of a proposed new Lodge is not only expedient, but required by the wants of the Craft in the neighborhood, and after all the rules have been complied with to leave the matter to the discretion of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master speaks wisely, and his remarks are applicable to many other jurisdictions.

Upon the subject of work, he remarks :

During recess, I have held a series or District of Lecture Conventions, so arranged as to location as that at least one should be held in each Lecture District. These have been held at Newark, Urbana, Toledo, Cleveland, Steubenville, Athens, and Hillsboro, all of which I attended personally, excepting the latter. The limits of this paper will not permit a detailed account of these various Conventions, but they were all characterized by an earnest desire to acquire the rituals and a more intimate acquaintance with the rules of Lodge government; while the hearts of the brethren were re-animated to an increased zeal in the prosecution of their work.

I venture to state that those who participated in these various conventions will unite with me in recommending that an annual meeting together of the Lodges in the various districts may be inaugurated at the present session.

These conventions have been had partly for the purpose of developing the social idea in Masonry, and in order still further to exemplify its beauties, I have, at your present session, endeavored to revive one of the usuges of the past, by having a public procession and oration by the Grand Orator, inviting the entire Craft of Ohio to participate. I think that the occasional assembling of the brethren from every section of the State, as well as by districts, as before alluded to, can not fail to have a happy effect on the interests of the institution; and if it were adopted as a regular custom, your annual meetings would be hailed with pleasure and delight by the fraternity in every part of the jurisdiction, as season for the promotion of social intercourse between brethren, the formation of attachments that would continue through life, and thoroughly cementing the Craft into a unit. We are generally *too much in a hurry* at our annual meetings, too anxious to discharge the mere routine of business for which we have assembled—entirely ignoring the necessity of devoting a brief period to this subject, and to the exemplification of the ritual. I trust that the present occasion may be one long to be remembered and cherished by all who are present, and may it indeed be signalized as a grand feast of "*Masonic Brotherhood.*"

We quote his remarks relative to "side degrees:"

Among the resolutions of the Grand Lodge now in force, is one found on page 50 of Masonic Constitution, passed in 1853, as follows: "That any brother conferring the so-called 'side degrees' is, in all cases, a proper subject of Masonic discipline." I am informed that there is a growing disposition on the part of brethren in certain sections of the State to confer a degree or degrees on the wives and daughters of Masons, and giving them to understand that they are a part of Masonry, and urging in extenuation that they would insure to the recipients the benefits of Masonic sympathy. In the long series of years through which we trace our Masonic history, we find no warrant or authority for conferring upon woman any Masonic degree, and yet have the widows and orphans of Masons ever found the fullest sympathy from the institution. I recommend that the Grand Lodge shall, in addition to the present prohibition, forbid the use of Lodge halls, which have been solemnly dedicated to Masonry, to be perverted to such uses.

The Committee on this subject made their report as follows, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have had under consideration so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the "side degrees" and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the "side degrees," otherwise called Adoptive or Androgynous Masonry, are not legitimate Masonic degrees, and do not entitle the recipients thereof to any of the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Resolved, That the conferring of said degrees on women is calculated to deceive and mislead them, and is therefore improper.

Resolved, That the Lodges of this jurisdiction are forbidden, under any pretense whatever, to permit their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring said degrees.

The deaths of Brethren Thomas Orr and Chester Griswold, P. G. Masters, aged respectively, 79 and 85 years, were announced.

The Grand Treasurer reported as balance in Treasury, the handsome sum of $13,220.99.

A very able and eloquent oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. Wyllis Hall. For richness of thought it is equal to any we have seen published. We extract from it, the concluding portion:

Brethren of the Craft, you will bear with me further, and suffer a word of plain exhortation. I have but opened the door to-day of what you are familiar with, the beautiful temple of Masonry. The oldest institution of the world, with its base imbedded deep within the heart of humanity and apex pointing heavenward, it has withstood the shock of centuries, and still towers sublimely over the wrecks of time. Neither the effacing finger of decay nor the fiery shafts of prejudice or persecution have swept one line of beauty from its calm, benignant features. Pediment and plinth, base, shaft and capital, arch and

key-stone, corner-stone and cope remain as firm and fair as when our first Grand Master planned and reared the Mystic Temple. To you it has been committed intact. But what is the Temple without the Shekinah? What is the body without the soul? So, desolate and drear will Masonry stand, outwardly, a flitting target for satire, prejudice and contempt, and inwardly, a very habitation for the "dragons" of evil and a "court for the owls" of discord, unless there is inscribed within your hearts and upon your conduct, that bright triplet of humanity's glory which spans in letters of living light the gateway of our temple—"Brotherly love, relief and truth." If Masonic faith in God, Masonic hope in immortality, and Masonic charity towards mankind, do not pervade your heart and life—you dwell in these courts—though you may be honored in the East—as a very stranger—nay, more, a false, perjured traitor—and you make the beautiful Temple of Masonry like the rock excavated temples of Petra or Pompeii a desolated object of contempt and the reprobation of heaven. And if our order is impugned, look at your life and see if the just cause is not there found. And, oh! as you value your own soul, as you value a brother's soul, so live that the beautiful spirit of the prayer of Perseus of old may be seen in your virtuous conduct. "Oh! great Father of gods," said he, when praying to Jupiter to take vengeance upon the unjust, "punish thou the wicked, no otherwise than by showing them the beauty of virtue that they may languish with despair for having lost it." Take this revenge upon the calumniators of Masonry. Live it so perfectly, show up its beauties so brightly, and make it so fair and honored a daughter of truth and love, that they will languish for not having obtained it. In the firmament of your faith as upon the altar of your lodge, let the Great Light, the Holy Bible, ever be open and shining, and let its precepts be the guide of your faith and the rule of your conduct. Circumscribe, not in symbol, but in deed and truth your unhallowed passions, ever walk by the square or virtue, and practice in the world those deep meaning truths symbolized by the Masonic level. You will then best combat with and overcome the prejudice and opposition to our Order, and Masonry will need no other argument either to silence objectors or to invite patrons. And by so doing, with faith in God, and relying solely upon the Rock of Ages, yours will it be to gain admission into the Celestial Lodge above, whose pavement is of stars, whose pillars, infinite in their triple glory of wisdom, strength and beauty, are His throne, whose jewels are resplendent with the brightness of heaven, and whose wages are the everlasting peace and refreshment of the soul, So mote it be.

The Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Idaho were recognized.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham, Chairman. He dissents from our decision of 1867, concerning the admission of a candidate who cannot write his name.

The Grand Master and R. W., John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary were re-elected, both of Cincinnati.

There is no Summary of Statistics.

JURISPRUDENCE.

1. A brother who was appointed and served as Warden of a Lodge under dispensation is eligible to the office of W. M.

2. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues is not eligible to the office of W. M. during such suspension.

3. A Lodge can not call from labor to refreshment from one day to another. The Lodge must be closed on the same day on which it is opened.

4. The petitioners for a new Lodge who are members of a consenting or recommending Lodge, can not, while such new Lodge is working under dispensation, vote or hold office in such consenting or recommending Lodge.

5. A person who has lost a hand, an arm, a foot, a leg, or is deficient in any of his limbs or senses, can not be made a Mason.

6. No Mason can vouch for a brother unless he has sat in a Lodge with him, or has examined him by appointment of the W. M.

7. If a Lodge of E. A. or F. C. is opened for any purpose, such Lodge must be duly closed. If, while either of said Lodges is at refreshment, a M. M. Lodge is opened, the closing of the latter will not close the former.

8. An objection to the advancement of a candidate after a clear ballot suspends the operation of the ballot. When the objection is withdrawn the Lodge may proceed to confer the degree without further ballot.

9. A vote of a majority of the members present at a stated meeting is all that is necessary to grant a dimit.

10. A Master Mason in good standing is always entitled to a dimit, and the same should be granted him when applied for at a stated meeting of the Lodge.

11 A Master Mason holding a dimit from a Lodge, in the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge, is not required to reside in the jurisdiction of a Lodge in this State for the period of one year before presenting his petition for membership, but may present it at any stated meeting of a Lodge. The rule adopted by the Grand Lodge requiring a residence of one year in the jurisdiction of a Lodge, before presenting a petition, relates only to petitions for initiations, and not to petitions of Master Masons for membership.

12. The mode of procedure under rule 31 is as follows: A petition for initiation having been received and referred at a stated meeting, at the next stated meeting the committee reports and a ballot is had. If the ballot is clear the degree of E. A, may then, or at any special meeting then appointed, be conferred upon the applicant. At the next stated meeting, if prepared for it, he is first examined in an open Lodge of E. A. and then balloted for in an open Lodge of M. M. for advancement to the degree of F. C. If the ballot is clear the degree of F. C. may then, or at any special meeting then appointed, be conferred upon him, and at the next stated meeting, if prepared for it, he is first examined in an open Lodge of F. C. and then balloted for in an open Lodge of M. M. for advancement to that degree.

OREGON.

The eighteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Portland, June 22d to 25th, 1868. M. W., Avery A. Smith, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-six Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is clear and forcible. He congratulates the Grand Lodge that masonry in Oregon, and on the Pacific coast "is gradually but surely assuming high moral ground."

Dispensations for four new Lodges were issued during the year.

We most heartily endorse the position of the Grand Master as set forth in the following extract:

I am also sorry to say, brethren, that profanity has been and is now indulged in by many members of the masonic institution to such an extent that my attention has been called to it during the past year by persons in and out of the order. And I regret to say there are a few who even reject the teachings of that "Great Light" which should be the guide of every Mason's faith and practice. This evil, so prevalent at the present time, should receive the consideration of this and all other Grand Lodges of Masons, if they would exert that moral power and influence which the intelligent, the good, the true in society should wield over others, and which Masons should seek after above all things else. A Mason who believes it right for him to curse and swear and utter the name of God in any other manner than with that awe and reverence due from the creature to his Creator, ignores the moral law and is false to his professions and his duty, and is of greater injury to masonry than all the anti-masons in the world, with all their slanderous vituperations.

The moral teachings of that "Book of the Law," which we teach is given to us by God himself, is obligatory upon every individual mason who kneels at our altars, and we say its claims should be enforced. That law is the supreme law of masonry, and no mason can reject or neglect its teachings without rendering himself amenable to discipline. It should never be forgotten that moral worth and moral influence constitute the strength of a lodge of masons, and if the claims of those precepts were enforced there would be little cause of complaint. Nay, in that event masonry would only be second in influence to religion itself. Then, brethren, we would present such an array of moral worth, and wield such a moral influence that the divine mission of Masonry would soon be felt in the world and tell gloriously on the condition of man. Then we would realize what is contemplated in our teachings. Then might the world point to masonry as an institution to which the burthened heart could pour out its sorrows, and to whom the distressed might prefer their suit—whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. Let this achievement be the great object of each and every brother; let each strive for this till the great object is attained, that masonry may be a light and an influence in the world, that mankind and society may be made better for our having lived masons.

Then, my brethren, in view of the evils that exist at this time, let us with greater vigilance guard the entrance, and not suffer the principles of the fraternity to be abused with impunity by the profligate, or trampled upon by the profane. There is no vice more odious, none more degrading, none in whose train follows more numerous evils. This indulgence is without apology, without justification, while it is a direct and palpable violation of one of the cardinal virtues of our beloved order. Then let me admonish you to wipe away from the institution this reproach from this time onward, by saying to the

profane when they approach the threshold of our mystic temple, thus far mayest thou go and no farther.

Profanity and drunkenness, our Grand Lodge has declared, to be among the highest masonic crimes, and every Lodge is required to vindicate the law in relation thereto. A Lodge should preserve its purity by the exercise of masonic discipline, in all such cases of disregard of the principles and teachings of masonry.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, wields the pen of a ready writer. He presented an admirable report.

The following remarks we commend to chairmen of committees on correspondence generally:

Of the latitude of expression indulged in by some of our ready writers and clever reviewers, we desire to say a word. In the perusal of these reports, we find in some of them a great deal said of a personal character, and much that squints a little at political matters, that should never appear in masonic papers. The office of Foreign Correspondent, is an important one; it was designed to aid in the promotion of the great objects of masonry, and it should be respected by every mason. But when we see a brother incumbent of that office descend from his masonic plane to the level of a common defamer, and there wield his pen, dipped in the gall of bitterness and vehemence against a brother, we conclude in that instance that the office has been a reproach. Topics of great interest are frequently lost in the strife which follows the discussion of them; topics that should receive, for the benefit of the craft, a candid and an impartial investigation. Wherever this evil exists, we trust it will be corrected. We hope that our literary warriors will bear in mind that their usefulness ceases the moment they demoralize their forces.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized.

The Grand Master and R. W., Bro. J. E. Hurford, of Portland, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of members, 1203; initiated, 164; passed, 161; raised, 157; admitted, 78; demitted, 62; died, 8; rejected, 54; stricken from roll, 29; suspended, 3; expelled, 4; Grand Lodge dues, $1,725.00.

JURISPRUDENCE.

1. No person can be initiated, passed or raised in this jurisdiction who is unable to read and write, as every applicant must sign his petition in his own handwriting.

2. A brother must have sat in open Lodge with another within one year, before he can properly vouch for him; otherwise he should be examined.

3. On the presentation of a petition for the degrees or affiliation, a vote should be taken on its reception, and the vote must be unanimous in order to insure its reference to a committee.

4. All examinations as to proficiency must be had at stated communications.

5. No brother can be installed Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction until he shall have received the Past Master's degree.

6. A Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Warden of a subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction cannot be a petitioner for a new Lodge during their term of office.

7. Those entitled to vote on an application for the degrees in a Lodge under Dispensation, are those mentioned in the Dispensation.

8. Every brother who receives the third degree in a subordinate Lodge becomes a member of the Lodge that confers it, unless by special request the work is done for another Lodge.

9. A Lodge can compel any non-affiliated brother within its jurisdiction to pay dues, and if he refuse or fail to do so, can indefinitely suspend him; provided he has not applied for membership and been rejected.

10. Any non-affiliated Master Mason who refuses to contribute the usual yearly dues to the lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides, shall be deprived of the privileges of joining in masonic processions, of receiving assistance, and of masonic burial.

11. A Lodge cannot be opened for the transaction of any business in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, except by the Grand Master or his Deputy.

12. An application for re-instatement by a suspended or expelled mason for unmasonic conduct, must be in writing, and lie over one month.

13. In answer to an inquiry what vote is necessary to restore an indefinitely suspended or expelled mason for unmasonic conduct, I decided: the same that is necessary for the degrees, *unanimous.*

14. Every mason who refuses to obey the summons of a Lodge of Master Masons, or its W. M., whether he be a member or otherwise, commits an offense against masonry which demands stringent discipline.

15. A candidate who has been irregularly made a mason by a Lodge in good standing, cannot be declared a clandestine made mason, or refused the rights and benefits of the order; he not being held responsible for the improper act of the Lodge that initiated him.

16. Where a candidate is a seafaring man and resides on his vessel and has no fixed permanent residence, may make application for the degrees of masonry to any Lodge located at any port to which he may sail, after twelve months.

In reference to the foregoing opinions, the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a report confirming all but the 1st, 3d, 6th and 7th.

OREGON, 1869.

Nineteenth Annual Communication, June 21st, 22d and 23d. Grand Master Smith, presiding. Thirty-one Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is an excellent document.

He condemns in severe terms, the so-called side degrees, and concludes as follows :

"The so-called side degrees, are cancerous excrescences on the body of Masonry, and unless healed or cut off, will, ere long, infuse disease through the whole body. Pure and unadulterated symbolic Masonry, is of itself sufficient to fill the mind, and employ the energies of the most exalted intellect in or out of the fraternity."

Bro. Chadwick's report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual, quite interesting. North Carolina not noticed, although our Proceedings for 1868, were transmitted.

M. W., Bro. D. G. Clark, of Corvallis, was elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Total number initiated, 116 ; Passed 115, ; Raised, 116 ; Admitted, 81 ; Demitted, 82 ; Suspended, 6 ; Excluded for non-payment of dues, 13 ; Expelled for unmasonic conduct, 2 ; Died, 13 ; Applications rejected, 65 ; the number of members as per report of Committee on Returns, 1343 ; the amount of Grand Lodge dues paid by Constituent Lodges in 1869, $1794.

The number of Constituent Lodges making returns in the year 1869, 32 ; Number chartered at the session of 1869: At work in the year 1869, 33 ; Charters surrendered, 6 ; Now the Constituents of Grand Lodge of Washington territory, 4 ; Now the Constituents of Grand Lodge of Idaho, 3 ; Lodges chartered by Grand Lodge of Oregon since its organization, 46.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address which relates to the fees for affiliation, together with decision No. 1, and the resolution of Bro. D. Froman, respectfully report :

1. That the Grand Lodge adopt the following resolution :

Resolved, That all fees for affiliation be abolished in this jurisdiction, and that each subordinate Lodge notify the non-affiliates under their jurisdiction, and urge them to attend to their Masonic duties.

2. That if any brother object to the entrance into the Lodge of a visiting brother, it becomes the duty of such objector to present charges against the brother objected to, who shall be hindered from visiting only so long as is necessary for the report of the investigating committee, when the trial shall proceed in the usual manner."

PENNSYLVANIA.

Quarterly Communication, December 2d, 1868. "R. W.," Richard Vaux, Grand Master, presiding. One hundred and thirty Lodges represented. The business of this communication related to local matters.

The Grand officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, Bro. John Thomson re-elected.

The Annual Communication was held December 28th, 1868.

The Grand officers elect were installed.

The Grand Master delivered a truly masonic and an able address. He says:

With great satisfaction, it can be said, that the brotherhood under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is united, harmonious, satisfied, and devoted to the supreme Masonic authority which governs it. This has never before been so markedly the spirit which animates both Lodges and Masons in Pennsylvania. The brethren now feel, they now know, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is fully impressed with the necessity, which heretofore has had but a limited influence, of giving to the craft that fostering care, fraternal supervision, Masonic instruction which is imperatively demanded, as essential to maintain those paramount relations between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates. In every part of the jurisdiction, the fraternal welcome which has saluted the officers of the Grand Lodge is the best evidence which could be offered of the force of this truth.

Those fraternal relations between the several Grand Lodges in the United States and this Grand Lodge, which were established, continued and strengthened, by the wise policy on which they now rest, have in no instance been disturbed during the past year. The salutation of Masonic fraternity is cordially offered to them by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It has become an axiom arising from our Masonic intercourse, that, with the internal affairs of one sovereign Masonic authority, no foreign Grand Lodge has any right to intermeddle. It is only necessary to state this proposition to insure its universal acceptance as a rule of action. The dignity, sovereignty, indeed the very existence of a Grand Lodge can thus only be maintained.

During the past year the Masonic duty of relieving the distressed has been, as usual, well performed. The Trust Fund, devised by Bro. Stephen Girard, has, out of its income, dispensed $3,100.50 for the aid of one hundred and twenty-eight brethren. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund has contributed $2,565 for the relief of one hundred and forty-five applicants. This is independent of the sums disbursed by each subordinate Lodge, to those who apply directly to these sources of relief. Of the amount thus granted, no record is made, which is accessible. The unpretending, unostentatious hand of Masonic comfort, to those who shrink from proclaiming their wants, makes no record of its obedience to its obligations. The Masonic heart feels the duty and cheerfully performs it. The angel of mercy takes cognizance of the act, and marks it on the page of the "Book of Remembrance," there to remain among those good deeds, which being pure, of good report, and holy, are eternal.

He concludes as follows:

My brethren, there yet remains a word to be spoken, which will come to your ears in the soft and muffled cadences of Masonic sorrow. In our advancement over the road which begins in life and ends in death, longer or

shorter is the time of our journey. At every sunset we pitch our moving tents a day's march nearer to this journey's end. One by one, our brethren leave us, and lie down to rest. Having kept the faith and finished their work, the God of the whole earth, and the Heaven of Heavens, of men and angels, Jehovah, the Eternal Father, calls them to lodge in the Temple invisible, everlasting. Amid that multitude which no man can number, where the amethyst and sapphire, the topaz, the jasper, and the emerald shine with a lustre brilliant because of the holy halo which surrounds the "Great white Throne," the jewels of these brethren are also seen in that greater light, which exhaustless love, Divine charity, and unbounded and enduring mercy eternally emit. For those of the craft who have thus departed from among us during the past year, let us hope, that in a sublime degree, they are enjoying happiness inexpressible.

The ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, June 24th, A. L., 5868, are published in the Proceedings. An appropriate address was delivered by the Grand Master.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Robt. J. Fisher. He gives North Carolina a notice for 1868.

Disbursements from the charity fund of the Grand Lodge during the year, amounted to $2,675. Two applicants from North Carolina were the recipients of a portion.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, reported $2,770.50, expended for relief.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Admissions, 589; initiations, 3,681; rejections, 688; suspensions and expulsions, 358; resignations, 838; deaths, 268; number of members, 26,140.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Semi-Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held November 13th, 1867, at which no important business was transacted.

The Annual Communication was held May 18th, 1868, at Providence. M. W., Thos. A. Doyle, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-two Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is a plain business document. We commend the following wise sentiment:

While I congratulate you, brethren, upon the success which attends our institution, not only in this jurisdiction, but throughout the country at the present time, I trust that this success will make us more vigilant to guard against the admission of improper material; that it will teach us to watch with greater care the entrances to our Lodges, and to purge our fraternity of all unworthy members who may have found an entrance heretofore. If success does not prompt us to this action, but makes us careless and neglectful, then we shall have cause for regret in the future, and when adversity comes we shall reap the bitter fruits of our mistake.

Only two dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

The Grand Master and R. W., Bro. Chas. D. Greene, of Providence, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Members, 3,064; Number of Meetings, 580; Initiated, 411; Passed, 395; Raised, 426; Admitted, 16; Rejected, 211; Dimitted, 40; Deceased, 28; Expelled, 2; Suspended, 1; Restored, 0; Entered Apprentices, 27; Fellow Crafts, 10; Whole No. of Masons, 3,052.

JURISPRUDENCE.

1st. By-laws adopted by a Lodge are in force until repealed by the Lodge or Grand Lodge, and when the latter body strikes out a portion of a code, such action affects only the part stricken out.

2nd. A Mason, not a member of the Lodge, cannot be admitted, if objection be made thereto by a member. Courtesy dictates that a brother applying to visit should be admitted.

3d. Dimits granted by a Lodge in accordance with its by-laws and custom are valid until such by-law or custom conflicts with an Edict of the Grand Master or the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, and these latter take effect from the time they are received by the subordinate.

4th. Our constitution does not explicitly refer to applicants for membership who have once been dimitted from the Lodge, but as it does provide for members of other Lodges or unaffiliated Masons, these provisions must apply to the class first named.

5th. All petitions for membership, should be in writing and recommended by one or more members of the Lodge.

6th. The only persons authorized to vote on a question before a Lodge U. D. are the persons named in the dispensation. Custom in this jurisdiction and courtesy would allow persons raised in such a Lodge to vote, as though original members, but this must be left to the latter to decide. No Mason not named in the dispensation, or raised in the Lodge, has any right whatever to participate in the proceedings.

7th. A man who has lost one foot, which has been replaced by an artifical one, can be made a Mason.

We dissent from the last decision, as in violation of an old charge.

We pass over the special communications and review the Proceedings of the Annual Communication, May 17th, 1869.

Thos. A. Doyle, M. W. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-four Lodges represented.

Five dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

Our little sister seems to be growing some.

The Grand Master referring to decisions of his during the year previous, says :

Two decisions heretofore reported by me, and approved by you, have been

dissented from by the Committees on Foreign Correspondence of several of our sister jurisdictions. As I entertain a high respect for the members of these committees who have disagreed with me, and as it is insisted that the questions at issue, relate to the "Ancient Landmarks" and "Old Charges," I deemed it proper to refer to my decisions again.

The first is that reported in May, 1867, that "an affirmation can be administered instead of an oath to any person who refuses on conscientious grounds to take the latter," and the second was reported last year, and is as follows: "A man who has lost one foot, which has been replaced by an artificial one, can be made a Mason."

The objections made to these decisions are in brief, that the first one is contrary to an Ancient Landmark, and the second is in conflict with one of the Old Charges. If these objections are correct, then, I am ready to admit that I erred in making the decisions, and that it is your duty to reverse your former action.

But I do not believe that the objections are well taken, and after a careful examination of the authorities, I see no good reason for changing the opinions formerly expressed by me.

I do not consider it a settled point that the obligations are Landmarks. The modern writers on Masonic law not only differ on the number of the Landmarks, but also as to whether the obligations are a part of them, and it is a fact that certain points in the obligations were changed at the Baltimore Convention, which would not have been done had the eminent Masons there assembled considered they were altering an Ancient Landmark.

Again, admitting that the obligations are Landmarks, it by no means follows that the obligation must be an oath. In the construction of statutes, it is well known that where it is required that an officer shall be *sworn* to the discharge of a duty, an *affirmation* may be given, and is equally binding. Shall we be more rigid than the world at large and refuse admittance to a man whose conscience will not allow him to take an oath? For one, I answer no; and I think you will agree with me, especially when we look over the Masonic history of our little jurisdiction, and recall the names of good and true Masons members of the Society of Friends, and others who have borne up our standard through good report and through evil report, and who were bound to their Masonic vows by affirmation only.

In reference to the other decision, it would appear that our objecting brethren lose sight of the qualification in that portion of the fourth charge relating to candidates, which I claim makes my decision accord entirely with the spirit and letter of the law. I copy so much of the original text of the charge as applies to the question under discussion:

"Only Candidates may know, that no Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him uncapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow-craft in due time, even after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents."

It is very clear to me that the meaning of the above as applied to modern

Masonry, is, that candidates are to be so perfect in mind and body that they may be able to do Masonic work, pass an examination, be capable of filling positions or proving themselves to be Masons, and this is all. Hence a deaf or blind or dumb person cannot be made a Mason, a man who has lost the right hand, a cripple or badly deformed person, cannot be initiated, but to assert that a person who appears with an artificial foot walking erect, possessing an unblemished character, and able if admitted to stand in proper position a just and upright Mason—to assert that he is disqualified because of the above extract from the old law, is to me as strange as it would be to object to a candidate because he wore artificial teeth.

The language is "having no Maim or Defect in his Body that may render him uncapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord." The qualification in the latter portion of the sentence is the explanation of the state of perfection which is to be expected. It never was intended that candidates should be Appollos, but that they should be able to do such work as might be required of them, and there the whole matter rests.

If my construction is incorrect, then let us have a surgeon attached to each Lodge, and cast aside among the rubbish such as are not perfect youth without maim or defect, and when this shall be done I fear that one of our traditions may be often re-enacted and the chief stone of the corner be found among the rejected material. Let us go further, and carry out the charge in all its particulars. Let candidates be required to bring their genealogies with them, and committees be appointed to enquire into the honesty of their parents!

The truth is this, that we are to construe the ancient charges and regulations according to the light of the present day and the character of the people where Masonry is worked; adhering rigidly as we have ever tried to do, to the cardinal principles of our beloved institution, and endeavoring to prevent all innovations in the body of Masonry; without attempting to carry out customs or usages which the present state of society absolutely prevents us from doing.

In giving the Grand Master the benefit of his arguments in the cases, we adhere to our position in relation to the case of the maimed individual. As to the other, we gave no opinion, as the Proceedings containing the decision were reviewed by a previous committee.

We, however, disagree with the Grand Master in the position taken by him. We are unable to see where he obtains his authority.

The Grand Master concludes with the following sentiments, which we commend:

The cases of discipline reported by the subordinates have been more numerous than usual, and I trust that they indicate a determination to cast aside such bad material as may have found its way into the Fraternity. There is generally a great reluctance on the part of the officers of Lodges to move in matters of discipline until actually obliged to, and thus it too often happens that brethren who are wholly unworthy of the Masonic name are permitted to wear the white apron of purity, a living disgrace to the Order; and a constant memorial to such officers of their neglect of duty.

The Master who has the interest of his Lodge at heart, will not only scrutinize carefully the material which is offered, but he will also exercise great care over that which has been received, and when a bad block is discovered he will immediately cause it to be removed from its position. In no other way can our institution continue to demand and receive the respect to which it is entitled. One bad man known to be in fellowship will keep many a good man out of the Lodge, and give our enemies the opportunity to say that "no matter how bad he is, the Masons will protect him." Let the erring brother be admonished and reminded of his errors in the most tender manner, but if he persists in wrong doing put him away from us, that he may be powerless to inflict injury on the craft.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of meetings, 85; initiated, 281; passed, 282; raised, 276; admitted, 15; rejected, 162; dimitted, 27; deceased, 44; expelled, 4; suspended, 1; restored, —; entered apprentices, 25; Fellow-craft, 14; whole number of members, 3253.

JURISPRUDENCE.

No additional specifications can be made after accused has been served with copy of charges. If such are needed new charges must be made, and a copy served on the accused in due form.

At masonic trials the Master must decide upon the admissibility of testimony, and upon the propriety of questions.

Accused parties should have ten days notice of the time fixed for their trial, and the other members should be notified in the usual manner of notifying communications.

A majority vote is sufficient for conviction at a trial, and for a reprimand after conviction, but a two-thirds vote is necessary to expel or suspend a member.

The Junior Warden need not retire from the Lodge at a masonic trial, when he merely makes the complaint as prosecuting officer. The person who is the author of the charge is the one to retire.

A Master can suspend a by-law, but is answerable to the Grand Lodge for so doing. There must be a clear necessity for the exercise of the power which should be used only in great emergencies. A Master would not be justified in suspending a by-law at his own pleasure or the convenience of members, or when he has ample time to apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation. But the power should be used when the peace or harmony of the Lodge is at stake, or when the law interferes with his prerogatives or the working of the Lodge.

A member of a Lodge can stop the initiation of a candidate by presenting his objections to the Master outside of the Lodge room between the ballot and the time of initiation, and such candidate must be considered as rejected.

It is in the discretion of the Master, whether his Lodge shall join in the

funeral procession of a brother whose remains are to be buried by a Chapter or Commandery.

Dimits cannot be granted under our Constitution to members proposing to join Lodges U. D. They can only be granted to such as desire to join chartered Lodges.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Charleston, November 17th and 18th, 1868.

R. W., James Conner, Dep. Grand Master, presiding. One hundred and six Lodges represented.

A letter from the Grand Master, M. W., Jas. L. Orr, was read, announcing his inability to attend the Grand Lodge, and in which he declined a re-election.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. B. Rush Campbell, reported that he had been "diligently and unremittingly engaged in the discharge of the duties of his office" during the year,—had visited in the two years of his labors, every Lodge but two, in the jurisdiction. His report gives evidences of an advance towards uniformity of work in the jurisdiction.

Bro. Campbell was re-appointed.

The committee on "Masonic Lotteries," appointed at the last Annual Communication, submitted a report at the conclusion of which, we find the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that lotteries (being a species of gambling) cannot be held under the sanction of a Masonic body for any purpose whatever, without violation of the great principles of the Order.

We endorse heartily this declaration against Masonic Lotteries, and agree with the committee, that the plea that it is done for a good and charitable purpose is not sound, and that "no good can result from evil and immoral practices, and which tend only to produce moral depravity."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has been brought before the M. W. Grand Lodge, of South Carolina, A.·. F.·. M.·. to consider the propriety of forming Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Companies, whose object is to insure the lives of Master Masons of good standing in their respective Lodges without respect to age, for the purpose of providing means for the relief and support of their families upon their decease, and upon terms which shall place it in the power of all Master Masons in good standing in their Lodges to become members of the Association and to be entitled to all the benefits thereof without the payment of the heavy premiums usually required in life insurance; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, of South Carolina, commend said Association to the favorable consideration of the members of Subordinate Lodges,

and earnestly recommend them to avail themselves of the benefits of said Association.

Resolved, That the Masters of Subordinate Lodges be requested to bring the object of the Association to the notice of their respective Lodges and explain its operation.

A clear, comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. R. S. Bruns. North Carolina not noticed.

M. W., Jas. Conner was elected Grand Master, and R. W., Bro. R. S. Bruns, re-elected Grand Secretary, both of Charleston.

TEXAS

The thirty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Houston, June 14th to 18th, 1869, inclusive.

M. W., Peter W. Gray, Grand Master, presiding. About one hundred and twenty-seven Lodges represented.

The review of the Grand Master's address afforded us much pleasure—it is an able document.

Four Lodges were established by Dispensation during the year.

The Grand Master thus concludes his remarks :

Brethren, we are all hastening along the journey of life to its end—each day we camp nearer the bank of that dark river over which we must all cross. The sunshine of this life is ours now to enjoy and improve. To-morrow we may see it no more here—clouds and darkness must momentarily obscure our vision in our passage over. There is shade too under the trees beyond, but a brighter, holier, more glorious light over all! For that, let us look; and to that press forward, "forgetting the things that are behind, reaching toward the mark of our high calling."

How shall we attain to that happy land "that's far awa?" By keeping the faith committed to us; walking in the light of Hope, with which we are blessed; and by observing the law of Love, which binds us as Brethren. These are rounds of the Ladder which Jacob saw in vision, leading upward from Earth to the gates of "Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest; beneath whose contemplation, sink heart and voice oppress." Brethren, let me impress these thoughts upon you in the noblest strains of Masonic verse:—

So, living, acting, dying, when the chain is broken here that binds us man to man, it will be reunited. The missing link shall become one of that mysterious chain which unites men to the angelic host in the invisible Temple, where around the throne of the Eternal, they sing the songs of divine love—"Glory to God in the highest, on Earth peace, good will to men."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas recognizes the newly organized Grand Lodge of Idaho as a lawfully constituted body.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge discontinue all fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, her subordinates and dependents, until such time as she may see fit to recognize and acknowledge the rights of our Sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint Representatives of this Grand Lodge to other Grand Lodges, who shall hold their appointments subject to the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, for the time being. A Register of the appointments and removals shall be kept by the Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a document of considerable merit.

Bro. M. F. Mott, Chairman of the Committee. North Carolina receives a fraternal notice.

The death of R. W., W. H. Cooper, Dist. Dep. Grand Master, is announced.

M. W., Philip C. Tucker, of Galveston, was elected Grand Master, and R. W., Geo. H. Bringhurst, of Houston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Master Masons, 10,506; Initiated, 875; Passed, 723; Raised, 725; Affiliated, 738; Dispensations, 11; Dimissions, 854; Rejections, 334; Suspensions, 536; Reinstatements, 155; Expulsions, 42; Deaths, 221; Grand Charity Fund, $1,050.60; Fees and Dues, $11,460.55. Total, $12,511.15.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Resolved, That it is irregular and inexpedient for any Lodge to elect or appoint an officer who is not a member of such Lodge, except in the case of the Tiler, who may be so appointed.

Resolved, That the Lodge should not suspend a member for non-payment of dues, without notice to him, if he resides in the jurisdiction, or his residence be known in the State; which notice may be sent by mail by the Secretary; and where the residence is unknown, then suspension shall not be reported to the Grand Secretary until after three months from the time when the member is reported and recorded in default; and that former resolutions in conflict be repealed.

Resolved, That should a member, suspended for non-payment of dues, fail to pay the same within twelve months from his suspension, he may be expelled by the Lodge, by regular proceedings and trial.

Resolved, That the regulation adopted January, 5856, allowing a Master Mason to be a member of two Lodges at one and the same time, is hereby repealed; and hereafter no Lodge shall affiliate a member without the production and deposit of his Dimit, or satisfactorily accounting for its loss, or other causes for his inability to produce one.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Richmond, December 14th, 15th and 16th, 1869. M. W., Wm. Terry, Grand Master, presiding. About eighty-four Lodges represented.

The Annual Address is a practical paper.

Dispensations for fourteen new Lodges were issued during the year.

The Grand Master discussed briefly but forcibly, the qualifications of candidates under the following heads: 1st, Their circumstances. 2d, Their connections. 3d, Moral qualifications. 4th, The intellectual endowments.

Under the 2d head, he says:

According to the Ancient Charges, the candidate must be "no bastard"—he must be "free born, of good kindred, true, and no bondsman;" and agreeably to the regulations of the General Assembly of 1663, the candidate must be "of able body, honest parentage, good reputation, and an observer of the laws of the land." It thus appears that it is not alone sufficient that the candidate should be personally unexceptionable; his connections must be such as will not bring reproach upon the Fraternity. When we admit a person into our Order, we assume certain relations, not only to the initiate, but to certain of his kindred, and it is evidently not only proper, but even required, that this kindred should be such as we are willing to assume these responsible relations to, but feel justified in imposing them upon others.

The vexed question of the relations of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, seems at last to be finally settled.

The Grand Master urged final action on the part of his Grand Lodge. The matter having been referred to a special committee, the following report was presented and adopted:

We publish the report entire for information:

The Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, to this Grand Lodge in reference to the differences existing between these Grand Bodies, beg leave to report, that they have had a full and free conference with said Commissioners, and take great pleasure in stating that the spirit manifested by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, towards this Grand Lodge is fully appreciated by your Committee; and while it is a source of deep regret, that circumstances have occurred which, in the opinion of our brethren of West Virginia, justified them in forming a Grand Lodge, yet, in the spirit of fraternal feeling, and with an ardent desire to cultivate peace and harmony with all Grand Bodies, we are willing to recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia as a legally constituted body upon their complying with the conditions heretofore prescribed by this Grand Lodge; and the said Commissioners being present and having satisfied this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has fully complied with the conditions aforesaid, or is now ready and willing to comply with the same; be it therefore

1st *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby recognizes the said Grand Lodge

of West Virginia, and extends to her our Fraternal and Masonic recognition, and cordially recommend her to all other Grand Masonic Bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

2nd Resolved, That the political boundaries of a State being definitely given and decided upon, fixes the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State, except in so far as rights may have vested under charters theretofore lawfully issued.

3rd Resolved, That the political status of the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley, being at this time undetermined, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will, for the present, retain her jurisdiction over such Lodges in said counties as desire to report to this Grand Lodge; but will authorize the opening of no new Lodge in either of said counties until their status is definitely settled, it being understood that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia shall on their part be subject to the like restrictions.

4th Resolved, That inasmuch as the original Charters which emanated from this Grand Lodge to the subordinate Lodges in West Virginia, have been formally surrendered to this Grand Lodge, but the said subordinate Lodges having earnestly asked that they may be returned to them to be laid up in their archives as mementoes of the past; therefore,

Resolved, That the said subordinate Lodges be permitted to retain the said old Charters.

5th Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to all of its subordinate Lodges in the territorial limits of West Virginia, to surrender their present Charters to, and ask new Charters from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

R. W., Bro. B. F. Martin, Dep. Grand Master, and Ro. White Sen. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, commissioners therefrom, were "received and properly saluted."

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

The death of Bro. Richard D. Sanaxay, for many years Grand Tiler, was announced.

The Grand Master was re-elected, and our venerable Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary, we believe for the thirty-sixth time consecutively.

There is no Summary of Statistics.

JURISPRUDENCE.

That while there may not be any existing law of Masonry which peremptorily requires that a candidate must be able to read and write, yet except in some rare instances, such a deficiency ought to be considered a serious objection to his admission.

That in all cases, whether on Masonic proficiency or moral qualifications or for initiation or advancement, or for membership, the balloting must be taken in the Master Mason's Lodge.

That a *pledge* to pay the annual fees required from non-affiliating Masons is not a pre-requisite to withdrawal. A member cannot, however, withdraw unless at the time of the permission to do so, he produce the Treasurer's receipt for all dues; and after withdrawal he cannot be excused from the pay-

ment of such fees except as the laws of Masonry provide. His refusal to pay such dues should not subject him to punishment, or rather he is alone punished by losing [illegible] of Masonry. [The Committee could not decipher the entire language of the resolution owing to the defect in printing.]

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The eleventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Olympia, September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1869.

R. W., E. A. Light, Dep. Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master, M. W., Jas. Biles, appeared on the second day. His address is very brief and well written. He reports two new Lodges established by Dispensation.

The Grand Secretary's report is also brief but business like.

Concerning the report on Foreign Correspondence, he says:

"The Grand Secretary (being the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence) "deems it advisable," in view of the "situation," not to "push things" at the present, gladly awaiting a more favorable exhibit of the credit side of our balance sheet before incurring the heavy expense of printing a long report, much of which doubtless would be "dead weight" and of doubtful expediency or value to the Grand Lodge; he therefore submits the following:

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Members, 348; Initiated, 38; Passed, 28; Raised, 25; Affiliated, 12; Dimitted, 29; Suspended, 21; Expelled, 3; Restored, 0; Died, 4; Rejected, 18.

JURISPRUDENCE.

"When the name of a Master Mason shall be stricken from the roll of membership in a Lodge for non-payment of dues, which may be done by a majority vote of the Lodge, the action of the Lodge shall operate to deprive such delinquent of all Lodge privileges: *Provided*, That such delinqnent may restore himself to good standing by paying all arrearages of dues up to the time of restoration, or satisfying the Lodge of an inability, through poverty or misfortune, to pay the same, upon which showing the Lodge may remit all or any part of such indebtedness."

"This Grand Lodge is of opinion that a Mason to retain good standing in the order should be attached to some subordinate Lodge. They therefore earnestly recommend to non-affiliates to become members of the subordinate Lodge within whose jnrisdiction they may respectively reside; and each subordinate Lodge shall be the judge whether a persistent and continued failure to attempt to affiliate with such Lodge, or contribute to the funds of such Lodge, shall not operate as a privation of all claim to Masonic recognition and the charities of the Order."

"In the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no Mason ought to withdraw from a Lodge while he remains a resident of the jurisdiction of such Lodge; but should a Lodge deem the causes for such withdrawal sufficient to grant a dimit,

such dimitted Mason shall lose all claim to any Lodge privileges until he shall bring himself within the benefits secured to non-affiliates by General Regulation No. 16."

"*Resolved*, That subordinate Lodges possess as an inherent element of their constitution, exclusive original cognizance of all Masonic offenses committed by Masons residing in their respective jurisdiction, subject to a right of appeal by the party aggrieved to the Grand Lodge. And when any Lodge fails or refuses to take proper notice of charges of unmasonic conduct, on complaint thereof to the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, he shall cause said Lodge to proceed to trial, or adopt such steps as he may find to be necessary to secure the proper dealing with the offending or accused party."

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick, and Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, were recognized.

M. W., B. E. Lombard, of Port Madison, was elected Grand Master, and R. W., Thos. M. Reed, of Olympia, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Wheeling, 10th November, 1868.

M. W., Wm. J. Bates, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-four Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, in his address says:

"It is gratifying to be able to inform you, that with but few exceptions, the Subordinate Lodges are in a prosperous condition, and throughout the jurisdiction, the brethren seem generally to be laboring with commendable zeal, to disseminate the principles of Free-masonry, and to uphold the honor and dignity of the Fraternity.

In some of the Lodges, however, there is, I fear, "a zeal which is not according to knowledge"—a disposition to increase the membership—to make Masons, with too little regard to the character and qualifications of the persons thus introduced. Nothing could be more detrimental to the true interests of Free-masonry than the introduction into the Fraternity of persons destitute of the moral qualifications prescribed by our regulations. And I most earnestly urge the brethren, everywhere throughout our jurisdiction, to use increasing vigilance for the exclusion of all such as by their general character and conduct, are at all likely to bring discredit upon the Institution."

Six new Lodges were established by Dispensation during the year.

The Grand Master considers at length the relations of his Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The matter having already been referred to in our review of Virginia, we omit further notice here.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Thos. H. Logan, presented a well written report on Foreign Correspondence, embracing about ninety-seven pages.

A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of R. W., E. C. Bunker, Past D. G. M., aged about 37 years. He was a prominent citizen, having occupied high official positions in his State.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Members, 1,590; Initiated, 307; Passed, 246; Raised, 230; Admitted, 59; Dimitted, 87; Rejected, 97; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 5; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 28; Expelled, 1; Reinstated, 10; Deceased, 16.

WISCONSIN.

The twenty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Milwaukie, 8th, 9th and 10th of June, 1869. M. W., Harlow Pease, Grand Master, presiding. One hundred and fifty-five Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is a brief, well written and business like document.

He notices in feeling terms, the de th of P. G. M., and P. G. S., Wm. R. Smith.

He thus speaks of him :

He died at the advanced age of 83. Like a shock of corn fully ripe, he was gathered to the Fathers in the Harvest of Eternity. It may not be amiss to quote from his letter to the Grand Lodge in 1858, declining further service as Grand Secretary. He said : "It is time that I laid down the pen which has so often written up the records of other men, and await that hour not far distant when the pen will be used to write up mine. Three score and twelve claim their exemption from further labor in tones which cannot be disputed. I bid you, in an official capacity, farewell. Never will I forget the body of men whose companionship has rendered verdant so many of the days of the winter of my life—nor while I have health will I ever cease to implore the common Father to have you in His tenderest keeping."

"One last request permit me here:
When yearly you assembled a'
One round—I ask it with a tear—
To him your friend that's far awa."

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Alvin B. Alden, in submitting his report, says :

If one half the amount now expended for Masonic instruction under our present system was judiciously applied in providing for schools of instruction in different sections of the State, where representatives from all the Lodges were required to attend and receive instruction, it is my deliberate opinion that more general good could be accomplished, and a greater degree of uniformity in the work and lectures attained in one year than can be secured under our present system for the next dozen years.

These suggestions seem to us wise.

A very brief report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. G. Bouck, noticing only one Grand Lodge specially.

M. W., Gabriel Bouck, of Oshkosh, was elected Grand Master, and R. W., W. T. Palmer, of Milwaukie, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Master Masons, 8,551; Fellows-Craft, 396; Entered Apprentices, 1,055; Initiated, 1,079; Passed, 988; Raised, 956; Admitted, 306; Dimitted, 510; Suspended, 80; Expelled, 6; Died, 84; Rejected, 586; Amount of dues, $5,-304.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Your Committee have received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana a copy of a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Lodge, with resolutions annexed, calling attention of this Grand Lodge to the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing the so-called "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite in and for the sovereign State of Louisiana," a spurious organization. The resolutions annexed are as follows:

Resolved, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body is recognized as such in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of the above report and resolution be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France, and to all regularly constituted American and European Grand Lodges.

This document your Committee can perceive is genuine from several reasons:

I. This Grand Lodge is in regular correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and hence must know

II. The signatures attached.

III. The Great Seal of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana thereto pendant.

Your Committee have slso received a communication from the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, signed by James C. Batchelor, Grand Chancellor, embracing resolutions the same in purport as those adopted by the Grand Lodge and above printed.

Ordinarily, except in cases strictly of business, your Committee could take no notice of this communication. Lodges of Symbolic Masonry corresponding only with similar Lodges; Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry corresponding with Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and so on. It could not be otherwise; for while a Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons, or any higher degree, would possess the means of *verifying* all documents from Bodies inferior to their own, yet it is apparent that inferior bodies possess no means of *verifying* documents from the superior degrees. For the purposes of this report your Committee treat the document as genuine.

I. The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, has for all practical purposes excluded (we can hardly say expelled) all the Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry within the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. So far as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana is concerned, and Masons owing allegiance thereto, it is precisely the same as a penalty of expulsion.

II. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has stricken the Grand Orient of France from her roll of correspondents, and refuses to hold any further Masonic correspondence with said Orient.

III. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana submits her action to the judgment of the Grand Lodges of the world asking their opinion and action therein.

IV. The Grand Consistory in and for the State of Louisiana has taken the same action substantially as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; but with the action of the Grand Consistory, your Committee have nothing to do, except for purposes which will appear hereafter.

The whole difficulty arises from the "Hautes Grades" or Ineffable Degrees running to the number of 33. For the proper understanding of this question, it is necessary to recall a few historic facts. They are known as "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish* (or Scotch) Rite." (Rite Ecossais of the Continent,) and some of which are said to be the work of Chevalier Ramsay, about the year 1728, he pretending to derive them from the Scotch Ritual. The ancient Scotch Kilwinning Masons professed and claimed to date from the period when Mohammedanism overrun all Asia, Africa and Europe, and destroying the Auguston architecture between 505 and 771, when Charlemagne and Hugh Capet succeeded in reviving the Roman and Greek style of architecture and became patrons of Masonry. About 1736, they professed to have saved from oblivion many higher degrees of Masonry. About this time also, de Joinville, the propagandist of the Prussian Consistories was engaged in disseminating his "Hautes Grades" or higher degrees. On the 15th August, 1738, Fredrick, the Great of Prussia received the degrees in a Scots or Ancient Lodge, and was so much pleased, that on his accession to the throne, he founded the

*The words Scottish and Scotch seem to be used indiscriminately. In the Official Documents of the "Deputies for the State of Louisiana 33° and many other Official Documents, the words Scottish is used; while in the "Preliminaries between the Consistory of 1813 and that of 1852," and in "Concordat" between the Supreme Council of New Orleans and Charleston, the word Scotch was used.

Grand Lodge of "Les Trois Globes" at Berlin. In 1758, he established the first Grand Consistory of the Hautes Grades in masonry to the number of 32, or Sovereign Prince of Jerusalem, reserving to and possessing himself the 33d or Sovereign Grand Inspector General. In 1761, he called a Consistory in Paris, to which he sent Chaillon de Joinville as his representative and Deputy. At this Grand Consistory, was created a Consistory for the Northern and also for the Southern jurisdictions of the United States, which sat respectively in New York*, and Charleston, each to consist of nine Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, and commissioned Stephen Morin as his Deputy, who appointed Isaac da Costa, Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen. for the Southern, and Moses M. Hayes for the Northern section. Da Costa soon died, and was succeeded by J. Myers. A copy of Morin's Letters Patent is still preserved in the Archives of the Supreme Council of Charleston. It bears date "27th of August, 1761." That Morin planted all the Degrees up to and including the 32nd, at Charleston, there can be no doubt, where they have been carefully preserved. It is very doubtful whether the 33d was the work of Fredrick the Great or not. There are many reasons for believing that it had its birth in Charleston; suffice it to say that, in the year 1802, the Supreme Council at Charleston, was the only Supreme body in the world under the 33d†. The Constitutions of 1786, no matter where they originated, is the fundamental law of this Rite, and allows but two Supreme Councils to be held in North America. On the 15th March, 1802, the Supreme Council of Charleston gave powers to Count de Grasse Tilly to propagate the Rite, and by him the Supreme Council of France, Italy and Belgium were organized. When Naples received Joachim Murat, the "Hero-King," the Supreme Council of Italy established the Supreme Council of Naples, with the "Hero-King" at its head. Differences arose between the Grand Orient of France and this "Supreme Council of France," which was settled on the 16th September, 1804, by a concordat, in which the Grand Orient of France obtained control of the first 18 degrees, and the "Supreme Council of France,"‡ retaining the others up to and including the 33°. The Grand Orient construed the Concordat to mean that the Supreme Council was merged and was henceforth only a part of the Grand Orient, and proceeded to make some decrees relative to the various degrees beyond the 18th, which on the 21st July, 1805, caused the rupture when the "Supreme Council of France" was re-established.

*Afterwards removed to Boston where it now is located.

†In the "Dissection of the Manifesto of Mr. James Foulhouze" by Ch. Laffon de Ladebat, it is stated that the Stephen Morin conferred only 25 degrees, and that the figures 33° never appeared until 1801. That the first Supreme Council was either at Charleston or Geneva, but little is known of the body at Geneva, p. 36.

‡Establishad in 1804, by de Grasse Tilly under protest from Supreme Council at Charleston.

From that time until the present, the Grand Orient has had control of masonry in France from E. A. to the 33o. The Supreme Council at Charleston corresponds with the Grand Orient, and not with the Supreme Council, which is its creature directly; and the Grand Orient has snatched the remaining degrees from the S.·. C.·. of France, immediately from the S.·. C.·. of Charleston, which body has never interfered in any way with the Symbolic Degrees of masonry, but recognizes fully, the jurisdiction of the various Grand Lodges in America. While the Grand Orient obtained control of the 33o by usurpation, as is alleged, and the Supreme Council of France, by revolution or Secession, yet both are regarded as legitimate, and "are to be regarded as having control of these degrees by prescription."* In 1839, a Supreme Council was established at New Orleans, was recognized and borne on the Rolls of the Grand Orient of France for one year, and then stricken off, and no further communication held with it, on the ground that it was within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Charleston. It is alleged that the recognition was obtained by misrepresentation.† This Supreme Council, in 1855, dissolved, and passed under the control and jurisdiction of the S.·. C.·. of Charleston. The Preliminaries to the Concordat were signed in New Orleans on the 30th January, 1855, and the Concordat itself was signed at Charleston on the 6th, and in New Orleans on the 17th day of February, 1855, by the Plenipotentiaries of the respective councils, and the S.·. C.·. at New Orleans no longer existed—but forever dissolved.‡

Just after the dissolution of the S.·. C.·. of New Orleans, one James Foulhouze, who had received the 33d. in Paris, collected together some malcontents and organized a "S.·. C.·. for the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana," and began to charter masonic bodies, like the Grand Orient of France, from the 1st to the 33d.

He denied the legitimacy of the S.·. C.·. at Charleston and Boston, and affiliated with an (said to be) irregular body like his own, in New York, known as the "Hicks Council." He published newspapers, wrote pamphlets, and published a libellous pamphlet against Prince Lucien Murat, Grand Master of the Grand Orient, for issuing a Ballustre against him, commanding him to dissolve his illegal bodies. For this libellous publication, he was expelled.

From the foregoing, it will be perceived, that the Grand Orient of France has the following jurisdiction:

*Lecture before the Grand Lodge of Louisiana by brother Albert Pike 33° in 1855.

†See "Ma defence devant C. S. C. de la Louisiane, 22 mai 1858, par J. Lamarre"—also Ladebats Dissection of the Manifesto—*bosses.*

‡Both the Preliminaries" and the "Concordat" are set out in full as attested copies in the Appendix to Ladebat's "Dissection of the Manifesto of James Foulhouze." Ladebat was a high officer of the New Orleans S. C. and on behalf of the said S. C. signed both the "Preliminaries" and the "Concordat."

I. Sole and exclusive original jurisdiction over the three symbolic degrees in the York, French, and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

II. By the Concordat of 1804, she acquired sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the high degrees from the fourth to eighteenth inclusive.

III. From the rupture in 1805, she is considered by prescription* to have concurrent jurisdiction with the S.·. C.·. of France over the other degrees from the 18° to, and inclusive of, the 33°.

Your Committee believe the following proposition to be correct relative to jurisdiction, viz.: *That in whatever way, and to whatever governing bodies, the control of the various degrees is entrusted, other powers must recognize this division of powers.* Now the Grand Lodge of North Carolina recognizes and holds intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. She thereby recognizes that the G. O. has jurisdiction of the three Smybolic degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M. The Grand Orient likewise acknowledges that the G. L. of N. C., has jurisdiction *sole, exclusive and original*, over the said degrees, and *no more*, and that jurisdiction over the other degrees is vested some where else. She has admitted the same with regard to Louisiana. Nay, she helped to fix and propagate the principle. In the Universal Masonic Congress, held in 1855, under her auspices, in her own city, they *unanimously* declared that "the greatest respect must be had for the *peculiar* and *accepted usages of each nation.*" Now is it not the *peculiar* and *accepted usaje* in each State of North America, that Grand Lodges have jurisdiction over Symbolic masonry; Grand Chapters over Capitular masonry, Councils, Consistories, and Supreme Councils, over various other degrees? Has not the Grand Orient expressly had "the greatest respect" for this "usage" by holding intercourse with the various govering powers? Her own Grand Master, Prince Murat, in that Congress said "all Masons will assent to this *except those impelled by bad passions, and who hold all governments to be bad.*"†

Moreover, the Grand Orient recognizes the S.·. C.·. at Charleston and *no other*, in the Southern portion of the United States, and from her received the "high degrees," through de Grasse Tilly and the S. C. of France, and must be bound by her regulations. The S.·. C.·. of Charleston never has dreamed of asserting any jurisdiction over Symbolic masonry. The G. O. never did recognize the S.·. C.·. at New Orleans, and never would notice any communication from the Foulhouze Council, except to send a Ballustre to him, and *that too, through a regular Mason*, and Foulhouze complained bitterly *that it was not sent directly to him.* The Ballustre contains such good law, we insert it.

*See Brother Albert Pike's Lecture before Grand Lodge of Louisiana in 1855 p. 59.

†See "Proceedings of the Universal Masonic Congress," &c., pp. 21, 36, 42, 44.

NO. 6047.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE—SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND THE FRENCH POSSESSIONS.

To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe,
East of Paris, August 4th, 1858, V.·. E.·.

To Ill.·. Bro.·. Foulhouze, 33d., New Orleans:

Ill.·. Bro.·.—We forward you herein enclosed, a copy of a Decree* which establishes friendly relations between the Supreme Council at Charleston and the Grand Orient of France; said Decree implies the acknowledgment by the Grand Orient of the validity of the Concordat which took place in February, 1855, between that Supreme Council, and the late Supreme Council at New Orleans.

It implies also, the official acknowledgment, by the Grand Orient of France, of the Supreme Council at Charleston, as the Supreme constituting and governing authority of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States of America, which acknowledgment is, besides most explicitly, set forth by decisions of the Grand College of Rites inserted in several official documents, and very particularly, in its Book of Gold.

To apprise you of these decisions, Ill.·. Bro.·., is to secure your assistance in causing them to be respected, if it were necessary, and it is under this impression, that the Grand College of Rites of the Grand Orient of France, from which you obtained your grade as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and to which you have sworn obedience and fealty, has ordered that this communication be made to you.

The Grand Orient of France has learned, *with sorrow*†, that you have attempted, *of your own authority*, to constitute yourself as the centre of a *new masonic power*. This attempt which could only result *in weakening the respect due to the principle of authority*, and in *alarming* and *confusing the minds of the Masons of all jurisdictions*, and especially, of those hailing from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council at Charleston, has also for its immediate consequence, a tendency *to discredit masonry in the eyes of the profane world*, by causing it to witness intestine broils, and dissensions which being, in direct opposition to its professed doctrine, are essentially *fatal to its propagation*.

The Grand Orient of France cannot abstain from *blaming your conduct*; it trusts that it will have been enough to recall to your mind the observation of the masonic law, to which you have sworn allegiance, and that you will cease to follow a path full of dangers and snares, and, in which, the enemies of our Order are so pleased to see you engaged.

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*The Decree appoints Bro. Albert G. Mackey, 33° Warrantee of Friendship" (Representative) for the Grand Orient near the S. C. of Charleston; and receives Bro. J. Beugnot 33° in the same capacity for the S. C. near the G. O. Beugnot is a member of Clement Amitie Lodge in Paris of which Sovlougne the Emperor of Hayti was initiated and of which he is a member.

†The italics in this Ballustre are the Committees.

Wherefore it invites you to *dissolve* immediately, any organization which you may have formed; to apprise each of the members thereof of his *state of irregularity*, which closes to him the doors of all our temples, and forthwith to return to the bosom of the only power which can legally exist for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and it doubts not that your masonic loyalty will cause you, immediately, to obey these just injunctions.

Should the contrary happen, Ill.·. Bro.·., and, if by a culpable obstinacy, you should persist in the line of conduct which you have for some time followed, the Grand Orient of France will feel compelled to condemn your disobedience publicly, and to notify your forfeiture to all the Masonic Powers of the Globe, it being beforehand, certain of meeting with a signal approbation in the opinion of all Masons in both hemispheres.

It is, Ill.·. Bro.·., with the hope that a prompt answer* to the present communication, will convey us the assurance of a true repentance and a formal renunciation of pretensions so palpably contrary to masonic right, and to the general interests of the Order, that we address you our fraternal salutations.

By the order of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand
[L. S.] Officer of honor of the Order, entrusted with the correspondence. E. REXES, 33D.

Sealed and recorded for the Chief of the Secratariat General of
[L. S.] Order. The first Clerk, Thevenot.

Now, from what has been said, we find the Grand Orient of France pledged by solemn decisions of her own, and by which decisions, Masonic rights and powers have been vested, as follows:

I. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has sole and exclusive original jurisdiction of the three Symbolic Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason.

II. That the Supreme Council at Charleston is the supreme constituting and govering body over the 33d.

III. That the Grand Orient of France has no jurisdiction in Louisiana, from the 1st to the 33d.

The Ballustre sets forth:

I. That the Grand Orient recognizes all power over the 33d to be in the Supreme Council at Charleston.

II. That Foulhouze, of his own authority, set up these bodies under a pretended power.

III. That the Grand Orient orders him to dissolve all such organizations.

IV. That he shall apprise each member of his organization, that the doors of all the temples are closed against them.

*His answer was a public pamphlet entitled "Memoire a Consulter."

V. That Foulhouze shall make a formal renunciation of all his pretensions.*

VI. Failing to do these things, the Grand Orient would expel him.

One great point on which Foulhouze rested his right, was, that by the Constitutions of Frederick, there might be two S.·. Councils in each Sovereign State, and that Louisiana was a sovereign and independent State, hence the title of their Council. In 1858, the Grand Orient of France held that Louisiana was not a sovereign and independent State, within the meaning of the Constitutions of Frederick.

Your committee do not propose to argue the question of the rights of States, nor to go into the political question at all, but only suggest one inquiry pertinent to the matter before us. If the State of Louisiana was not sovereign and independent in 1858, how has she acquired those qualities, so as to possess them in 1869 ?

Foulhouze assailed some provisions of these Constitutions, among them, the one allowing Africa two Supreme Councils. upon the ground that thereby negroes might therein be made Masons. He made much use of the extreme anti-negro character, of his Lodges, to gain favor with the Southern whites. This was in 1857–'8. Now in 1869, the Grand Orient recognizes this organization, which had set at defiance, all her orders and decrees, because they admit negroes to their Lodges. There is no clearer or sounder law, than that no man is debarred from the privileges of masonry on account of his race or color. Sovlougne, the colored Emperor of Hayti, is a regular Mason; there is a Lodge of colored Masons at Point a Pitre, (Gaudaloupe.) Nearly all the Indian Chiefs in America have been Masons, made so by our Lodges; but the Grand Lodges of America have steadily refused to grant charters to Indians, to open and hold Lodges. But we do say that certain previous conditions are essential, among which is that the candidate must be free-born. We do not intend to elaborate the argument, the whole matter has been ably argued† and decided by this Grand Body. In North Carolina, and all over the world, each Lodge chooses for itself, whom it will receive. The candidate petitions of his own free will and accord, the members of the Lodge vote of their own free will and accord for or against the candidate, and it is much a matter of taste with Lodges. Moreover, they are shielded by the secrecy of the ballot. Now, one of these Clandestine Lodges in New Orleans, (and pronounced so by the Grand Orient) publicly announces that negroes will be received, whereupon, the Grand Orient reverses all her decisions, and recognizes this Body as having legitimate control over the three blue degrees of masonry. It was alleged against Foulhouze and his Council, that he pulled candidates in by the coat-tail—they certainly

*This he never did, but replied to the Ballustre in a pamphlet entitled "Memoire a Consulter," for which he was expelled the 33° by the G. O. He was also expelled 20th March, 1858, by the Charleston Council.

†See Judge Reade's Report on Negro Lodges in 1865.

sought recruits, and their honors of masonry were "dog cheap." It seems that it is about so now, and that this finds favor with the Grand Orient. Your committee would have been glad to have gone further into this matter, but as much of it is already in the arena of heated party discussions, they have refrained.

Your committee have searched diligently for any reason that could at all have a show of being satisfactory for such a course in the Grand Orient. Their search has been fruitless and vain.

Your committee therefore, recommend the Grand Lodge to approve the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and take similar steps in the matter.

CONCLUSION.

In submitting the foregoing report the writer is sensible of its many imperfections. It was pepared in the midst of a multiplicity of pressing duties. It will be perceived that it contains but little of original matter exclusive of that portion in relation to the Grand Orient of France. The little time afforded in the preparation precluded a general discussion of matters with our cotemporaries, hence the review of Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges is confined chiefly to the transactions thereof.

It was our intention to discuss the question of jurisdiction at issue between the Grand Lodges of England and North Carolina, merely for the purpose of vindicating North Carolina in the course she had taken, but causes already stated prevented. We have done the best we could under adverse circumstances, and we hope our labors will receive the approval of the brethren.

Fraternally Submitted,

R. C. BADGER,
R. W. YORK,
D. W. BAIN,
} Committee.

Document No. 2.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

At the hour appointed for the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge, the installing officer (who should be the retiring G. M., the actual G. M. of another jurisdiction, or a P. G. M.) will assume the Chair and call to order, and announce the business before the Grand

Lodge. The officers to be installed will then vacate their places respectively, and substitutes will be appointed for the occasion. The G. M. and the other Grand Officers elect to be installed, will be in waiting in an adjoining apartment.

The announcement of the Ins. Off. may be in the following form:

BRETHREN: Your G. M. and other Grand Officers for the ensuing year having been duly elected, we are now in readiness to perform the ceremony of installation. The R. W. G. Marshal will announce to them that we are waiting to receive them.

The G. Marshal then retires, and, on his return, reports:

M. W. The G. M., and other Grand Officers elect, are without in readiness to be installed into office when it is your pleasure to receive them.

Ins. Off. The R. W. G. Marshal will admit them and conduct them to the East before the altar. (Any objection to the installation must now be made.)

As they enter the room, the Lodge is called up by the Ins. Off. in the usual manner, and remain standing.

The G. Marshal conducts them to the altar in procession, two and two, in order of rank—the G. M. elect and the D. G. M. being first. He then says:

M. W., the G. Officers elect are before you, and await your pleasure. I have the honor to present to you for installation Brother ————, who has been duly elected G. M. of Masons of the State of North Carolina for the ensuing year.

INS. OFF. (To the G. M. elect.) My Brother, the exalted station to which the free choice of your brethren has called you, involves great responsibilities, and requires to be inaugurated by solemn sanctions. It elevates you to a position from which the power and prerogative may depart with the expiration of your term of service, but the honor and dignity, except by your own act, never. Have you been instructed in the secret rites and ceremonies appertaining to the high office of G. M. of Masons preparatory to your installation, and by which you may acquire and forever retain the evidence of your rank among Masons?

G. M. elect. I have not.

INS. OFF. My brother, it will be necessary for you to retire and receive those instructions from our M. W. P. G. M.'s here present, who will escort you. And as we are now upon the threshold of a great and important undertaking, Masonic teachings require that we should bow in solemn prayer with our R. W. G. Chaplain.

G. C. Brethren, let us pray! * * * * * * * *

INS. OFF. The Most Worshipful Brethren, P. G. M's present, will now retire with the G. M. elect, and give him the suitable instruction in the manner known to them only, preliminary to the further ceremonies of installation. Brethren will be seated.

He then calls "down," and the Grand officers elect, other than the G. M., are provided with seats near the altar. The P. G. M.'s retire

to some suitable apartment and engage in the proper ceremonies with the G. M. elect. When this is done they return, having previously given notice of their approach by the G. Marshal. Upon their entrance, the Grand Lodge is again called up, and after they have arrived near the East, one of their number says: "M. W., our distinguished brother having been duly instructed by us, is now prepared to assume his installation vows."

Ins. Off. It is well; and with pleasnre do we now proceed in our further services. R. W. G. Marshal, you will conduct our brother to the altar, to take upon himself the obligation appertaining to the duties of his office.

The G. Marshal conducts him to the altar, where he kneels, the acting G. Deacons holding their rods crossed over his head. The Ins. Off. then administers the oath of office, the G. M. elect repeating after him, as follows:

"I solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that in the office of I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and other ancient masonic usages."

He then rises and the G. Marshal conducts him near the chair of the Ins. Off.

Ins. Off. Most Worshipful Brother—(for from henceforth you are entitled thus to be hailed)—in inducting you to your chair of office as a symbol of the commencement of your government over the Craft, I am performing a most solemn duty. By immemorial usage and the irrevocable landmarks of Masonry, you are invested as Grand Master of Masons, with powers and prerogatives which are well nigh absolute. The interests of the craft, for weal or wo, are placed in your hands during your term of office. The good resolutions, which I doubt not that you have formed in your own mind that these powers shall not be abused or perverted by you, I would gladly strengthen by a word of admonition, which it will not become one henceforth to utter. The very consciousness of the possession of a great power will ever make a generous mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many, and requires neither strength of intellect, or soundness of judgment; to rule *well* has been the fortune of but few, and may well be the object of an honorable ambition. It is not by the strong arm or the iron will, that obedience and order, the chief requisites of good government, are secured, but by holding the key to the hearts of men.

The office of Grand Master is of great antiquity and respect, and is one of the highest dignities to which we may aspire. Its incumbent, to rule well, should possess and practice several important requisites. As a *man*, he should be of approved integrity and irreproachable morals; freed from the dominion of hasty temper and ill-governed passions; of good repute in the world, and practicing, as an example to the craft, the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice. As a *citizen*, he should be loyal to his gov-

ernment, obedient to its laws, prompt in the duties he owes to society, and a pattern of fidelity in all social and domestic relations. As a *Mason*, he should cling to the old landmarks, and be sternly opposed to their infringement; be proficient in the laws, language, and literature of the fraternity; be desirous to learn, and apt to teach; though not for the time a workman, yet be master of the work and qualified to earn his wages; be prompt to aid and relieve, and slow to demand it; be ever mindful that, though elevated for a time above his fellows, that he is elevated by them, and that he is yet a craftsman, more sacredly bound by a craftman's obligation; and that he should cultivate everywhere, and at all times, the golden tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. As an *officer*, he should remember, first of all, that he is an individual mason, sharing in that respect a common lot with his brethren, and therefore interested in the welfare of each and all; be devoid of undue ostentation and haughty overbearing; be accessible to all; cultivating the closest friendship and the most unlimited confidence with his associate officers; be eager to take counsel with his brethren, and ready to give it; be patient in investigation and hearing; be deliberate in judgment; be prompt in execution; be forbearing long with evil-doers; be ready to reward good; be devoid of favoritism and wholly impartial; be watchful over the treasury; having an eagle eye upon every portion of his jurisdiction; and breasting over the restless spirit of innovation. Such are some of the most important qualifications which a G. M. should possess, and the leading errors which he should avoid. It may be that most, if not all, of your predecessors have failed to reach this standard, but it is attainable; and be it your purpose to reach it, and be a bright and shining example to those who shall come after you! It now but remains for me to clothe you with the external insignia of your rank and authority. I now with pleasure invest you with this jewel of your office, whose symbolic meaning will now have a new and striking significance to you. (Presents the jewel.) I also present you with this gavel as the potent emblem of Masonic power, which, in your hands, should never be sounded in vain. (Presents the gavel.) I now surrender to you this seat of authority. (Places him in the chair.) And render you this, the first act of homage due to you as Grand Master.

The Grand Master having been covered on taking the chair, the I. O. uncovers and bows very low.

Ins. Off. I now hail, salute, and proclaim you G. M. of Masons of the State of N. C.! Brethren, behold your G. M.!

S. G. W. Brethren, behold our G. M.!

J. G. W. Brethren, behold our G. M.!

The brethren, with their arms crossed * * * * and then all, under the direction of the I. O. salute with the public grand honors.

The retiring G. M. may then address his newly installed successor and brethren, and the G. M. may if he chooses, also address the Grand Lodge. If he does not wish to do so, he may call down, and the brethren remain seated during the remainder of installation, except when called up during the obligations. It will be proper for the G. M. here to announce the names of the appointed officers that they may be installed with the rest.

In case of the re-election of a G. M. the preceding ceremony will be omitted, except that he be conducted near the chair, the charge given him, invested with the jewel and gavel, inducted and saluted as above directed, so in the case of any other officer being re-elected, he will be invested, and given the charge only. The G. M., then proceeds with the installation of the remaining officers, or he may place the I. O., again in the chair, delivering him, without ceremony, the gavel and jewel.

Ins. Off. R. W. G. Marshal, you will now present the Deputy G. M. elect for installation.

G. Marsh., M. W. I have the pleasure to present to you for installation, Bro: * *, who has been duly elected to the office of D. G. M.

The foregoing address of the I. O., and presentation by the G. M., may be used for all the remaining officers, simply changing the name and title of the officer. It may, also, be used for the G. M., when re-elected. The order of the I. O., next following, will be omitted when the officer to be installed has been re-elected.

Ins. Off. R. W. G. Marshal, you will conduct our brother to the altar to take upon himself the obligation appertaining to the duties of his office.

The G. Marshal conducts him to the altar, when he kneels, and is attended by the G. Deacons, as in the case of the G. M., and takes the same obligation, with the change of name and designation of office.

Ins. Off. R. W. Brother, you have not been an inattentive observer of the ceremony of installing the M. W. G, M., for you are aware that in case of his incapacity to act in contingencies mentioned in our constitutions, you succeed to his duties and preogatives, as you do, also when acting as his substitute in any matters specially delegated to you. Your office, therefore, is one of great dignity and importance, and it was in view of those considerations that our M. W. G. M. selected you to fill it. Treasure up, therefore, the suggestions made to the M. W. G. M. for you know not how soon they may have a personal application to you; and remember also, that usage, aswell as our particular regulations, have placed you in most intimate and confidential relations to him, as supporter and consellor. I now, with pleasure, proceed to invest you with your jewel of office (gives it,) and proclaim you D. G. M. of Masons of the State of N. C. You will now be seated in your place, which is at the right hand of the M. W. G. M.

Before he is seated the I. O. calls up the Grand Lodge and salute the D. G. M. with the grand honors.

The others of the first six elective Grand Officers are presented and obligated in like manner as the D. G. M., but without being saluted with the grand honors. The charges to the remaining officers installed are as follows:

TO THE S. G. W.

R. W. Brother, the position which you occupy in the Grand Lodge and among the fraternity is one of no little importance. In the Grand Lodge, to control practically the admission of all visitors, to announce specially those who are of rank or eminence, and to aid in the preservation of order, and at all times to render counsel and advice to the G. M., are high and responsible duties, requiring circumspection, vigilance and reflection; but when to these is superadded the more onerous labor, in conjunction with the J. G. W., of diligently preserving the ancient landmarks throughout the jurisdiction, it then becomes a trust of deep moment to the welfare of the craft. Your fitness for the discharge of such a trust undoubtedly led to your selection for the office by your brethren, and it will be your duty and pleasure so to act as to justify their confidence. In investing you with the jewel of your office, and directing you to the place of your immediate official action in the West, I am performing a grateful duty.

TO THE J. G. W.

R. W. Brother, as the duties of your office and the qualifications for it are almost identical with those of the S. G. W., except as it respects the introduction of visitors, I will only add to the charge given to that officer, that you be equally vigilant and circumspect, not only at your station in the Grand Lodge, but in the broader field of action without, dividing with him his labors and taking due care that the great object of your united solicitude shall remain inviolate. Accept the jewel of your office, and repair to the South, being ever watchful, whether in labor, or at refreshment, that the *high-twelve* of observation does not find you with your work, and that of the craft you superintend, unperformed.

TO THE G. TREASURER.

R. W. Brother, in intrusting you with the books and funds of the Grand Lodge, as appertaining to your office, I am but their organ in placing them in your prossession, as one well qualified to keep and manage them, as your past integrity, accuracy and prompt business habits testify, an appreciation of which has been evinced by their choice of you as G. Tr. The keys forming the jewel of your office have a two-fold significance. They are instruments to bind as well as to loose; to make fast as well as to open. They will never, I am confident, be used by you in any other manner than the constitution and laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge shall direct.

TO THE G. SECRETARY.

R. W. Brother, usage as well as positive enactments from time to time have rendered the duties of the office of G. S., more onerous and varied than that of any other officer. Brought by his official position more immediately into communication with the whole body of the fraternity, it is requisite that he should possess ability, skill and industry to meet the various demands upon him. Placed in a position where he holds almost constant correspondence with our Masonic brethren of every state and country, upon him devolves, in a large degree, the good name and credit of the Masonic family of this State. The fraternity should enable him to maintain it; he should strive that it be

maintained. Courtesy and patience are to be elements in his manners and character. Vigilance and fidelity must, also, be necessary qualities. Our constitutions, my brother, point out to you fully the duties of your office, and I will not recapitulate them. Your capability for their prompt and faithful execution has induced your brethren to confide this trust to you, and I feel assured that it is well placed. In investing you with your official jewel, the pens, I am persuaded that they will make an endearing record, not only to your praise, but to the welfare of a craft so largely dependent upon your experience and integrity.

TO THE G. CHAPLAIN.

Rev. and R. W. Brother, that Holy Book, which is the chart and text-book of your sacred calling, is also the great light of Masonry, and forever sheds its benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. Teach us from its life-giving precepts; intercede for us with that Divine majesty which it so fully reveals and unfolds to us; and warn us by its lessons of infinite wisdom and truth, and you will have faithfully performed your sacred functions, and fulfilled your important trust. It is fitting that an emblem of the sacred volume should be the jewel of your office, with which I now invest you.

TO THE G. LECTURER.

R. W. Brother, the care and preservation of our ancient ritual, and the perpetuation of the time-honored landmarks embraced in it, and which may not be written, devolves upon you, and as that ritual has enshrined within it, in symbol and allegory, certain great and essential moral truths, you should be as perfect in the symbolism as in the mere formula of language which teaches us how our rites are to be administered. As G. L., also, you should be master of the ceremonial observances of the fraternity, and give instructions in the manner of rendering them most striking and effective. You are the preceptor of the fraternity, and your deportment should be consistent with the nature of your office-work. For upon your teachings depend not only the uniformity and perpetuity, but the character and impressiveness of our rites, and they should be imparted, both by oral communication and example. On no point are the craft so punctilious and exacting as upon the beauty and accuracy of the work and lectures; hence many eyes will be upon you. A courteous manner, an unwearied patience and a diligent application are requisites for your place, and no rash or innovating hand will be tolerated in your department of labor.

In installing you into office and presenting your jewel, I am happy to be enabled to say that your established skill and learning, and your ability to undergo the constitutional tests have proved you to be a Master workman.

TO THE G. MARSHAL.

R. W. Brother, the duties of your office require energy, activity and quickness of perception. The good order of the fraternity, in its general assemblies and processions, depends upon your care, skill, and assiduity. Possessing these qualifications, you have been appointed G. Marshal, and I now with

pleasure, instal you into office, and invest you with your appropriate jewel. It denotes command, as the organ of the Grand Master, to whom you will be near at hand to execute his orders.

TO THE G. STANDARD BEARER.

R. W. Brother, your duty is to carry and uphold the banner of the Grand Lodge in occasions of ceremony and public procession. The emblems upon it are as ancient as the march of the children of Israel from bondage, and the ark is the symbol of hope and safety. Bear them well aloft, for the world, as well as the craft, ever honors them. Receive the jewel of your office, and let it remind you that you are never to part with that standard, when under your care, while you have life to defend it.

TO THE G. SWORD BEARER.

R. W. Brother, the sword which you bear is the time-honored symbol of Justice and authority. It reminds the beholder of the dignity of the body whose emblem it is. It is, also, the guardian and protector of the standard of the Grand Lodge. Be ever faithful to your trust. Let this jewel of your office remind you of its nature.

TO THE G. STEWARDS.

R. W. Brothers, in olden times your province was to superintend and provide for the festivals of the craft, and that duty still remains to you, although there is rarely occasion for its exercise. But we are taught that "it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting," and hence in you has been appropriately imposed the dispensation of our beneficent charities. That it is a grateful duty all hearts testify, and we know that yours most fully responds to it. Receive the jewels of your office, together with the white rods.

TO THE G. DEACONS.

R. W. Brothers, as messengers of the Grand Officers, and as useful assistants in our ceremonies, your respective official positions are of great value and importance to the comfort and good order of the Grand Lodge. Vigilance and zeal are necessary requisites of your offices, and we know that you possess them. As Senior and Junior Grand Deacons of this Grand Lodge, you are now invested with the jewels of office, together with these rods as tokens of your authority.

TO THE G. PURSUIVANT.

W. Brother, you are to act as the messenger of the Grand Lodge, and the herald to announce the approach of visitors and strangers. In so doing, possess yourself of the necessary information to announce their rank and position properly, and exercise a sound discretion, so as not to interfere with its labors. Be cautious and vigilant, that no improper person may gain admittance. You also have in your keeping the clothing and jewels of the Grand officers, which you should be careful to keep in a good condition, and neatly and orderly arranged for use at all times. Receive your emblem of office and repair to your station inside the door.

TO THE G. TILER.

W. Brother, the importance of the duties of your place cannot be overrated. Care and watchfulness are indispensably requisite, and in all cases, unless thoroughly satisfied with the character and identity of those desiring admittance, let your doubts prevail. Ours is a sanctuary, entrusted to you faithfully and vigilantly to guard, and you have always at hand the means of being fully satisfied. Irreparable injury might result from a negligent or careless discharge of your duty. Your station is ever outside the door, and to which you will now repair with this jewel, and also with this implement of your office (giving a sword).

The several officers being now duly installed, the Ins. Off. will retire, after surrendering the jewel and gavel to the G. M. It will be proper and expedient before doing so, to have an appropriate ode or piece of music sung.

G. M. R. W. G. Marshal, I now declare the several officers of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina duly installed into office, for the ensuing year, in ample form. You will cause proclamation to be made in the S., W. and E.

The J. G. D. proclaims in the South, the S. G. D. in the West, and the G. Marshal in the East, each as follows, the Lodge being called up:

By order of the M. W. G. M., and by authority of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of North Carolina, I proclaim that its Grand officers are now duly installed in ample form. So mote it be!

The Grand Lodge is called down.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a ceremony of installation of the Grand officers, at the last annual communication, beg leave respectfully to submit the foregoing:

F. C. ROBERTS,
For the Committee.

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F. G. FOSTER, ... EAGLE ROCK.

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J. B. NEATHERY, ... RALEIGH,
WM. SIMPSON, ... "
A. S. HEIDE, ... "

The Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of North Carolina, will hold its next Annual Communication in the City of Raleigh, commencing on Monday, December 5th, 1870, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

☞ Ordered by the Grand Lodge that the Annual Proceedings be read in each Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

These proceedings will be furnished individuals a 50 cents per copy.